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WM. RODGERS.

THE NEWS-ARGUS and Weekly Globe from now to the end of 1899 for \$1.50.
—THE NEWS-ARGUS to end of 1899 and Family Herald and Weekly Star for one year for \$1.50. Subscribers to the Family Herald and Weekly Star are entitled to a free copy of the famous battle scene "The Thin Red Line," in colors, 17 x 30.

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THE NEWS-ARGUS to end of 1899 and the daily Evening Star, Toronto, for one year for \$2.10. This rate only for subscriptions sent in before the 1st of January next.

We will club THE NEWS-ARGUS and Weekly Witness for \$1.00, or News-Argus and Daily Witness for \$3.00. The price of the Daily Witness alone is \$2.00 per annum.

IT'S LIKE AN OLD FRIEND.

A Conversation that was Overheard the Other Day.



I have been trying those pick-me-up Suits, because I thought they were cheap, but I find they are not so cheap after all. Everyone knows you are wearing a pick-me-up, for they never keep their shape, and I don't want any more of them when I can go to Fred Ward's and get a Suit made to Fit, Wear, and some Style about it for \$9.50 Cash, that will outwear two or three of them. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Try it.



YOU CAN GET GLOVES AND MITTS ANYWHERE NOW, but you can always rely on getting the best at Ward's,—and that is the reason we sell double the quantity.

TIME TO BUY FURS.—We have just received a new line of Capelines that are bound to sell. The price will sell them. Come and see them at

FRED. WARD'S,
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR,
FURNISHER AND FURRIER.

"GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS."

You must be clothed with warmer Clothing, and for UNDERWEAR we are the head ones. CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR from the smallest to the largest, in pants and vests, both boys' and misses'. Don't be afraid to call and examine them. MEN'S UNDERWEAR.—We have been leaders for prices and quality. Prices from 25cts. up.

MEN'S OVERCOATS.—We have a few left which we are selling very cheap prices, from \$4.00 up. Balance of LADIES' JACKETS now must be cleared out to make room for Santa Claus and his very many presents.

JOB LOTS OF HATS AND WINGS.

SPECIAL SALE OF MEN'S CAPS.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY all Caps will be sold at Half-Price. Don't miss this chance. They are good value.

POULTRY.—We will buy any day of the week. Highest prices paid. Ducks ready for Stirling market.

500 bus. DRIED APPLES wanted at once. We now pay \$1.10 a bushel.

Always a Fresh Stock of GROCERIES on hand.

C. F. STICKLE.



ENGAGEMENT RINGS CHEAP.

Christmas

LESS THAN 4 WEEKS AWAY.



Our Customers Pleased.

Have you thought about your Xmas presents yet? We would be pleased to have you look through our Stock. We are sure you would be able to make a selection, as our Stock was never better than it is at present. Make your selections early, they can be put away for you, besides you have a much better choice now than later on.



Is the place to buy.

W. H. CALDER,
JEWELER & OPTICIAN.

On Hand To-Day.

I have just received to-day the finest line of

CROCKERY

Ever shown in Stirling. Call and see for yourself.

OUR GROCERIES

Are, as usual, the freshest and best in the market. We are leaders, and intend to sustain our reputation.

FLOUR & FEED.

Prices furnished on application. We can furnish you any quantity at any time.

JOHN SHAW,
BAKER & GROCER.

THE NEWS-ARGUS
TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS
To end of Dec., 1899, for \$1.00.

Burglars at Work.

This village was visited by burglars on Tuesday night last, two shops being entered and a quantity of goods taken. The house of Wm. Holden was entered, and a lot of clothing carried off. Amongst the articles taken were seven overcoats, gloves and mitts, shirts, braces, silk handkerchiefs, neckties, etc. Also, a quantity of candies, cigars, tobacco and groceries. The boot and shoe store of Martin & Reynolds was also entered, and several pairs of boots, rubbers, and other articles taken.

During the same night the horse of Robert Girdwood was taken from the stable and was driven a considerable distance, and was still wet with sweat in the morning. It is believed there is some connection between this and the burglaries committed, and that the parties who had the horse out were the ones that burglarized the stores.

Entrance was affected to the shops by prying the doors open with an iron bar, a spring tooth of a harrow being the supposed instrument.

Married yet Single.

Those who were fortunate enough to be at the Music Hall on Thanksgiving night—and there was a fair audience in spite of adverse circumstances, had the gratification of seeing and hearing one of the best entertainments that has ever been given for years and the congregation of St. John's Church, under whose auspices it was given, may be justly proud.

The comedy "Married yet Single," was of course the chief attraction. It is a pleasing conglomeration of mistakes and misunderstandings divided into three acts, and afforded plenty of fun. Mr. Comfort, who is dependent on an allowance from his uncle Meander, which is only forthcoming while he, Comfort, remains single, has secretly married. The Uncle and Mrs. Meander turn up at an inopportune time and the difficulty of Comfort is increased by his well-meaning but blundering servant Harris, and his stupid friend the rival, Sally, a French maid, joins the general mix-up, and the audience is kept in good humor and suspense until the fall of the curtain.

Miss Nellie Chard gave an excellent portrayal of a suffering, but patient, loving wife, while Miss L. E. Boldrick received well merited applause as the changeable and eccentric wife of Meander. Sally, as presented by Miss Dolly Heard, was irresistible. One could not help thinking of Sol Smith Russell when John Stewart Carstairs was on the stage as the severe yet good-natured Meander.

Harris, Comfort's servant, was the life of every act, and his inimitable style and speech always brought a laugh. Dick Comfort and his friend Merrigal were well represented by Messrs. Frank Bygott and Alf. Chard. Both had difficult parts to play and did so creditably.

During the play and between the acts Mr. Ernest Mickleborough of St. Thomas, who was visiting in town, discoursed excellent music on the piano. The rendering of his waltzes, "No signa nu" (his own composition) between the first and second acts was particularly good. Mr. Herbert Spencer, of Kingston, gave two songs in splendid voice and the successful evening's entertainment was climaxed by an amusing walk of eight young people, who had false faces on the backs of their heads, giving a very absurd and bewildering effect.

Mr. J. Earl Halliwell presided in his usual efficient and pleasing manner. Much credit is due the untiring efforts of those who had charge of the affair and many would be pleased to be able to hear "Married yet Single," again.

Spring Brook.

From Our Correspondent.

That Price of opera companies which was to have performed here last week didn't perform, as the audience consisted only of four bare walls and some boys outside the door.

The Epworth League entertainment on Monday night last, was a very successful affair, particularly in the thing we are all after, regardless of our religion, our politics, our social standing, or any other little characteristic we happen to be possessed of. The proceeds were nearly fifteen dollars.

The Rawdon conservative Association will meet in the Orange hall here on Friday night the 2nd of December. As parties interested in the good,—or bad,—government of the province, (which, of course, depends on the Grit or Tory point of view,) will do well to attend.

A by-law granting a bonus to a carpet factory was voted on in Belleville last week and carried by a good majority.

The ratepayers of Belleville have passed a by-law granting a bonus of \$50,000 and other concessions, consisting of a free grant of land, exemption from taxation, free water and wharfage privileges, to Frank A. Mitchell, proprietor of the Thames Iron Works, of Norwich, Conn. U. S. A., who has associated with him William Abbott, proprietor of the Metropolitan Rolling Mills, of Pontiac, which business is well known in Canada.

This change in the location of these Works, has been brought about by the favorable concessions, the advantages of rail and water facilities for shipping, cheap fuel, raw material, etc. The combined plants will be erected in Belleville as soon as possible.

Hubbly Hilly.

The annual entertainment of Mount Pleasant Sunday School was held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 21st. It was a grand success, and the sum of thirty dollars was added to the School's Funds.

A choice program of great variety was admirably rendered, and competent critics declared it to be the best they had heard from children.

We are much indebted to the White family for their assistance in the musical part of the program. An instrumental trio given by them, and two solos by Miss White were heartily applauded.

An eminent cartoonist, passing in this locality as W. Brown, Esq., was present and "brought down the house" by his sketches of "The Thanksgiving Turkey" and "The Danger Signal."

Next noteworthy of mention was an essay by Mr. Charles Bailey. It was a masterpiece of English Composition, and would well adorn the pages of the best magazine in the land.

These entertainments have become an educative power in the community, and we hope they will still continue to advance in quality as they have in the past.

Chatterton Chips.

From Our Own Correspondent.

W. C. Boardman and bride have returned from their honeymoon trip, and have settled down to everyday life.

We hope they may have their full share of happiness.

Although most of the cheese factories in this region have shut down, yet the Eclipse is still running full blast.

Herb. Hamblin and Warner Stewart returned from Manitoba last Sunday.

The special services that have been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Martin, of Belleville, for four or five weeks, in our church, came to a close on Friday evening last.

The boys are very busy trying to shoot partridge, etc., but with poor success.

The Stirling band serenaded Walter Boardman on Thanksgiving night and were regaled on roast turkey, cider, etc.

We are to have a change of teachers in the Public School next year.

R. V. W.

Foxboro Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Cummings, of Anson, Ont., are the guests of their daughters, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Wickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stinson, of Buffalo, N. Y., intend spending the winter with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mumby.

Miss Lucile Hubbly of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving day with her parents.

Mrs. J. W. Haight, of Marmora, spent a few days visiting friends in our village.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gardiner and Miss Gardiner, of Belleville spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Laird.

Quite a number of the sports of Belleville were out through Foxboro hunting on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Bessie Ashley, of Madoc Hotel School, and Miss Echo Ashby, of Belleville spent their Thanksgiving holidays with friends in this vicinity.

Mr. A. C. Dufosse has gone to Montreal on a business trip.

The anniversary services and Thanksgiving offering in the South Church last Sunday were very successful. Rev. C. W. Watch, of West Belleville church occupied the pulpit in the morning, and the Rev. Amos Campbell in the evening. The thank offering amounted to about \$130.00.

Master Lee Laird fell while playing last Saturday, striking his lip underneath his nose on an iron rod, causing a blood vessel to break in his nose. Dr. Faulkner was quickly called in and soon dressed the wound.

December Ladies' Home Journal.

The Christmas LADIES' HOME JOURNAL surpasses all expectations in the variety of its literary contents, in the interest and excellence of its pictorial features, and in the wide range of articles aimed to solve the problems incidental to the holidays. There is a notable contribution on the "First Christmas Present," by Mrs. Curtis Publishing Company; "Washington's Christmas at Valley Forge," Edward W. Emerson takes one back to "When Louisa Alcott Was a Girl," and gives some delightful glimpses of her girlhood, her home and her daily life. F. Hopkinson Smith's new story, "A Kentucky Cinderella," will afford the Journal's readers great pleasure. It is much in the same vein as, but infinitely sweeter than, "Colonel Carter, of Carterville."

Other fiction features are "Old Pegs" and the continuation of "The Girls of Camp Arctady," "The Minister of Carthage" and "The Jamesons in the country." As usual Edward Bok's editorial page is filled with reasonable suggestions, and makes a special plea for the remembrance of those who are alone at Christmas.

"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," the JOURNAL's prize Christmas anthem, is the musical feature of the December JOURNAL, which is excellent from every point of view. By Mrs. Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar per year; ten cents per copy.

Hugh Brown, of Trenton, was arrested by Grand Trunk Detective Day, on the charge of stealing money from the body of Wm. Lunnes, cattle drover, of Toronto, who was killed in the body of Wm. Lunnes. He was found on Brown. He was remanded in the police court until Wednesday next. Brown acknowledged having lost the pocket-book, and his contents.

Cold Weather is Here.

Those who have been waiting for the cold weather to come, are before long having their overcoat must surely lay now. The Oak Hall, Belleville, can sell you as fine a coat as you wish at \$12.00 to order prices. This is a strong assertion, and we are prepared to back it up. See our \$10 and \$12 overcoats.

STIRLING CASH STORE

JUST OPENED THIS WEEK

New Laces,
New Embroidered Handk'fs,
18c., 20c. and 25c.
New Lace Curtains,
30c., 60c., 75c., \$1.25.
These goods are new and natty.

New Raisins,
Seeded Raisins,
Cleaned Currants,
Fresh Pure Spices,
for Xmas trade.
Extra Quality Oatmeal,
10 pounds for 25cts.

Poultry.
We are buying, but must have good plump Fowls. Cannot handle thin and skinny Fowls. All Poultry must be starved 24 hours before killing.

Dried Apples.
We are paying \$1.10 per bushel. Bring them in now, for we cannot guarantee price.
BUTTER WANTED, but must be free from turnip taste.

T. G. CLUTE.

CROCKERY

I have just opened up another large assortment of Crockery consisting of
Fancy Dishes,
Xmas Toys,
Dinner and Tea Sets,
Water Sets,
Porridge Sets,
Salad Dishes, etc.
Call and inspect them.

Pork.—Long Clear Bacon, Pickled Meats, Sugar Cured Hams, etc. Try them.

Flour.—Good Family and Pastry Flour.
SALT always in stock.
WANTED.—Dried Apples, Pork, Potatoes, and Beans.
Also, Poultry ready for shipping.

FRESH OYSTERS IN STOCK.
S. HOLDEN.

P.S.—A Good Farm for sale.

FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale his House and Lot (half acre) north side Charlotte St., in good repair. A bargain and easy terms of payment if required. Inspection invited.
J. W. BYGOTT.
Stirling, Dec. 1, 1898.

NOMINATION MEETING.

Fourth County Council Division, County of Hastings.
Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held pursuant to the Municipal Act, 1880, at

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Trying to quiet a woman's wrath is a good deal like sitting down on a bunch of lighted firecrackers to prevent their going off.

The Montreal Star has started a fund for the relief of St. James Methodist Church, Montreal, which is burdened by a heavy debt. Already over sixty thousand dollars has been subscribed.

Great loss of life and property has been occasioned by a terrible storm which swept along the Atlantic coast from New York to Halifax on Saturday and Sunday last. The worst disaster was the wreck of the steamship "Portland," which started from Boston Saturday evening, with about 60 passengers for Portland, Maine. The vessel was driven on the rocks at Cape Cod, and every person, passenger and crew, numbering in all 101, were lost. Other wrecks along the coast total about 170, and among those at least 40 lives were lost. The storm was the worst that has visited that section for many years.

A later despatch says it is believed 150 persons perished in the wreck of the Portland, and that in all over 200 lives were lost in the storm.

Mr. McNicholl, the general traffic manager of the C. P. R., estimates that 50,000 people went to the Klondyke during the past season. Of that number nearly 25,000 will return to their homes without reaching the Yukon, and the other half, perhaps 100,000 will "strike it rich" and bring back fortunes, though 1,000 may get something. Mr. McNicholl goes on to say that each of the 50,000 carried with him an outfit costing several hundred dollars, and his travelling expenses will not be less than \$250 or \$300. It is a very low estimate of the expenses to put it at \$500. In many cases it cost \$1,000 per head. But at \$500, the total expenditure was \$25,000,000. We thus see that the expenditure in gold-bunting and mining was \$25,000,000. Now, what are the results? The highest estimate of the output of gold is \$12,000,000, and it will probably not exceed \$5,000,000. Therefore, it cost \$25,000,000 to obtain \$12,000,000. That means that it cost \$2 to obtain every \$1 in gold in the Klondyke.

The railway rate war is over. Articles of peace between Sir William Van Horne and Manager Hays were signed the day before Thanksgiving, so that the managers could eat their turkey with a great deal of satisfaction, while the general public have the pleasure of knowing that they can now contribute three cents per mile for railway fare instead of one, as for some time past. The Toronto World very cleverly hits off the situation in the following: "If there is anything that has filled the ordinary traveller with pangs of remorse it was accepting travel from Sir William Van Horne and Mr. Hays at one cent a mile! True, the cars were filled and the ticket-sellers were kept busy, and the traffic receipts came up to the usual figures. But the moral consequence of the concession of the people was too much, and, in answer to the many prayers of men and women, that the temptation be kept away from them, the railway authorities have raised the rates to what they were 'befo' do wuh.' A sinister movement was inaugurated in Parliament last week, and the result of the successful proposal will be headed off hereafter by the fact that the public prayed day and night to be delivered from cut-rate fares. Members of Parliament will be freed of any responsibility of reducing the rates; they will continue the time-honored custom of sharing the taking passes and the public paying three cents a mile. Thank God that the three-cent-a-mile rate is restored to a railway travelling public, surfeited with one-cent-a-mile transportation! Thank God that Sir William Van Horne and Mr. Hays have caught the head of the three-cent-a-mile tail and that they cut off his head on the chopping block yesterday. The two general managers will have one-cent-a-mile turkey to-day with three-cent-a-mile sauce. The travelling public will get the goose."

There are now 90 men working at the gold mine in Clarendon, the southernmost township of Frontenac. Seventy are working at the gold vein and others are putting up mills and roasters. There are night and day gangs, and plenty of gold ore is being mined. They expect to have the mills for the free-milling process ready in three or four weeks. The mine is owned by a company with Mr. Boerth, a wealthy resident of Detroit, at its head, and is about 10 miles from the Kingston and Pembroke track. A short distance from the Boerth mine is a mine worked by an Ottawa company. They are sinking two shafts. The quartz which they find is mixed with copper, gold and silver.

Dr. Eames, mining engineer, is at present opening up a new gold mine in Frontenac County, seventeen miles west of Clarendon Station. He has a force of eighty men at work. Fifty of them are working on the construction of necessary buildings, the balance being engaged in actual mining. A furnace house, 35 x 100 feet, and a stamp mill, 80 x 60 feet, are almost completed, and a boarding-house, containing twenty-five rooms, is under way. Dr. Eames says the ore is very rich, having assayed 8000, 8500 and 9000 to the ton. He tried to interest local capitalists but without success, so he secured the aid

Gold Mining in Frontenac.

of American capitalists, who subscribed stock to the amount of \$1,500,000, with a paid-up capital of \$120,000. Dr. Eames has guaranteed to yield 10 per cent. on the total subscribed capital, which can be done even if the ore does not yield more than \$10 to the ton.

Secretary Long, of the United States Navy, in his annual report, made public on Friday, asks for fifteen more warships at a total cost of over \$38,000,000.

It is stated that between twelve and thirteen million bushels of grain were lost in the late season. The American and Paddy Sound railway during the past season, besides over 100,000 tons of package freight.

Lord Minto has purchased from D. Beale, M. P., of Bowdoinville, the first prize carriage team that won such admiration at the Ottawa exhibition. They stand 15.2 and are a very showy span of nags. The price is \$1,000.

S. S. Rathbun, of Deseronto, died suddenly on Saturday morning last, from heart failure. He was treasurer of the Rathbun Company, also postmaster, and was a resident of Deseronto on the railway. He was forty-three years of age.

The debts due to the Ottawa Cheese Board by the firm of J. C. Warrington & Co. amount to \$27,000, and other firms are in a similar position. The prospect of a dividend is not very bright, as the total assets amount to only about five thousand dollars.

There is a big demand across the line for Canadian apples, which with the good market in England, is causing a boom. It is unusual for Canadian market to be so good, and the demand in other States in any quantities, but the apple crop there is a failure, and dealers are looking to Canada.

The nomination for the by-election in East Northumberland will take place on December 7, and polling December 14. The candidates are J. H. Douglass, Liberal and Dr. Willoughby, Conservative. The election will be held on the same day as that fixed for half a dozen Dominion by-elections.

A terrible storm visited the Atlantic coast from New York northwards on Saturday and Sunday last. Great damage was done to shipping and many vessels were wrecked and a number of lives lost. There was a heavy fall of snow which blocked railway traffic in the New England States.

The famous old Indian, Peto Wademan, of Prescott, Mich., aged 119, who was married twice, and whose second wife died only about two months ago, was again married a few days ago to a Polish girl named Emma Jane Szwedowska, aged 35, who emigrated recently from Montreal, Canada.

Great quantities of apples are being exported to London from Halifax. So far this season the Furness steamers have taken to Liverpool and London 100,000 barrels of Nova Scotia apples, all of which have been shipped by farmers of the Annapolis Valley. This is far in excess of last year's shipment.

The Tweed News is justly indignant at the leniency of the sentence given to the murderer of the late Sir John S. Perry, butcher, of that village. Hardy was sentenced to only 18 months in the Central Prison. This for an attempt at murder, while the others who were sentenced to hang for the same crime were sentenced to hang for three to seven years.

The exports of cheese this season from Montreal has been 1,900,000 boxes, being 202,955 less than in 1897, and 173,774 more than in 1896. The exports of butter amount to 270,000 cases, being 49,800 more than last year. Through the multiplication of creameries the butter trade is rapidly increasing and promises soon to reach large proportions.

Heavy Winter Suits.

You get a suit of clothes made of heavy fur, double breasted coat, and there is comfort in it. The winter suits are bound to have, and plenty of it. Why can't you get the Oak Hall, Belleville, have some splendid suits that will do you good, at \$7 and \$8.

Good Reading.

One of the notable books of recent years on the subject of the Catamounts is that fascinating tale by Rev. Dr. W. H. Withrow, the noted author, entitled "Valeria; the Moose Hunter's Wife," 7-cent book published by William Briggs, Toronto. It is excellent in whatever way we judge it—whether from an historical or literary standpoint, or from the interest of the story. It has great reason to be proud of so talented a writer as Dr. Withrow. "The Babe of Bethlehem" (paper covers; price 25 cents) is one of the excellent books, written and published by L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill, Boston, Mass. It is a history in rhyme of our Saviour's life on earth, and is a work that should be in the hands of every child. It contains a child an excellent Christmas present.

Splendid \$4 Pea-Jackets.

You can get a good warm all-wool Pea-Jacket at the Oak Hall, Belleville, for \$4. They are made of different colors in frieze cloth, they have the high collar, good linings, and all round young men's value. Just as warm as an ulster, only not quite as much length.

Christmas Literature.

Nothing could be more appropriate as a Christmas present than a good book. An interesting tale, teaching truth in a way that makes it most impressive, is an especially desirable gift to make a boy or girl. Such a book "The Little Captain" is a handsome volume, and, in an interesting story, exhibiting the evils of intemperance, and the power of the Holy Spirit. "The Babe of Bethlehem" is also contained in this work, the price of which is 40 cents. It is published by the American Tract Society, 10 East 2nd St., New York City. It is a good work in every way. H. L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill, Boston, Mass., publishes "The Babe of Bethlehem," a handsome fifty-cent book, containing the story of the Christmas gift to a child. Mr. Hastings is a remarkable man, and his books are excellent.

Buy Oak Hall Clothing.

When you are buying clothing, there must be some satisfaction in buying from an establishment with a good reputation. The length of time the Oak Hall has been selling clothing in Belleville and the clean record shown in all the evidence needed that their reputation is the best. Prices always the lowest and clothing the most reliable. A guarantee with every article sold.

PERSONALS.

THE NEWS-ARGUS invites the contribution to the column of all items of personal interest, such as the arrival or departure of guests, etc. Please notify the editor or leave a note at the office, and the item will appear in the post office, giving full particulars.

Mr. Jas. Dunn, of the Ontario office, and Messrs. Tognetti and Annie Covert, of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving Day in town, the guests of Miss May Holden.

Mrs. G. Hornell, of Hastings, has been visiting her husband and sister in town during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving week with relatives and friends in town.

Mr. H. L. Holdrick, of Osageola Hall, Toronto, and Mr. Ernest Bickelbrough, of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving with the former's parents here, and returned on Sunday evening.

Messrs. Wilbur and John Gordon, and Misses Edie and Jennie Wright, of Tweed, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Johnston on Thanksgiving Day. They attended the Epworth League "At Home" in the evening, where Miss Edie Wright captured the prize offered in the "Bible Study in Cook."

Miss Constance Thompson, of Kalamazoo, arrived in town on Thanksgiving Day on a visit to Miss Mollie Sprague, returning to her duties as teacher on Monday.

Misses Rosa and Cora Vandervoort, and Mrs. M. B. Graham, of Campbellford, were visiting friends in town on Thanksgiving Day.

Wm. Morrow, attending Madoc Model School, spent Thanksgiving holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morrow, River Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook and daughter of Stirling, were guests of Mrs. Jas. Farney on Thursday last—Roslin Cor. Tweed News.

Mr. Robt. Crosby left for Tweed last week to fill the position of day operator on the C.P.R. at that place.

Messrs. Morton Bird and H. S. Ferguson, of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferguson.

Miss Stouffer has recovered from an attack of pleurisy which confined her to her room for several weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Johnston went to Trenton on Saturday, where Rev. Mr. Johnston preached anniversary sermon for the Sabbath School on Sunday, returning home on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Johnston remained, and is visiting friends in Trenton during the week.

Miss Edith Weese, of Trenton, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Miss Jennie Pearce and Miss Alma Watts, spent Thanksgiving at the home of Miss Pearce in Marston.

Mr. Frank Joyce returned to Stirling on Wednesday morning from Winnipeg.

Miss Edith Anderson intends leaving for Toronto on Saturday, to enter a hospital there as a nurse.

Mr. Thos. Tulloch has returned from a three months' trip to Manitoba.

Miss McComb, accompanied by her friend, Miss Beattie of Campbellford, spent a week at her home at Big Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shaw, of Schomberg, Prince Edward Co., and Mr. and Mrs. Harper Shaw, of Campbellford, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw in Stirling.

Mr. Wm. Mackintosh, Inspector, paid a visit to Stirling Public School on Tuesday last—the first since his recent illness. We are pleased to see him around again, though he has not yet fully regained his former strength.

Improved Clothing.

It is hardly fair to compare the ready-made clothing of to-day with the ready-made clothing of even a few years ago. Rapid advancement has been made, and it is gradually crowding out work out of the market. If you have not seen any of the latest styles, let me make overcoat call at the Oak Hall, Belleville, and see what is being offered at \$10 and \$12. Fit and finish perfect.

A Tough Pudding.

Some time ago, writes a volunteer, I spent a week with a garrison battery in a south coast fort. On the last day the sergeants sat down to an exceptionally fine dinner, the crowning glory of which was a large plum pudding. I had made the pudding two days before, had it boiled, and now, reheated, it made its appearance, and the welcome shouts of my brother volunteers were heard as they ate a lot of it. If I hadn't been a ship's cook for nothing.

"Seems mighty hard," remarked the sergeant-major as he sat trying to stick his fork into it. "Have you boiled us a cannon ball, Brown?"

"Or the regimental football?" asked another.

"Where did you get the flour from?" questioned Sergeant Smith.

"Where from?" I retorted. "From store No. 6 of course."

"The flour you did!" roared the quartermaster sergeant. "Then, hang you, you've made the pudding with Portland cement!"

Up and Down.

"There may be others, just the same," said Mr. Gilpin, "but I find that with me a period of exaltation is likely to be followed by one of depression, and my feelings ebb and flow like the tide. If I tread the air over some success—whether might indeed not be considered great by some, but which pleases me—why, am I likely as not to be down on the ground a few hours later, and very close down to it too."

"I suppose that with an even, humdrum form of existence you might spare ourselves these periods of depression, but as it is I reckon we must take them as they come, putting on a brave front when our spirits are low, and never forgetting that the constantly turning wheel will in due course bring us up on top again."—New York Sun.

Chimneys.

Chimneys are a very good thing. You can build one all right in theory, but when it comes down to practice that is another matter. Build two chimneys side by side in precise parallel lines. Employ the best skill of labor and construct them exactly on the same principles. One may draw all right, while the other smokes like a pipe.

Odd but Legal Will.

The following will successfully stood the test in the supreme court of California, and was decreed February 4, 1899. This is to certify that to let my wife real and personal and also to dispose for them as she will. Patrick Donahue.

Hamburg is a well known market for household pets. A civet cat costs \$6, a tame jackal \$7 and an affectionate Brazilian anaconda \$10. An alligator one foot long and one inch wide for \$1.00, but at two feet he is worth \$5, and at seven feet \$35.

Louie XIV of France drank the first cup of coffee in 1642. Coffee was then worth \$5 76s. a pound.

Enterprise Cheese Factory.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and Patrons of the Enterprise Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held in the factory on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at 10 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, and transacting any other business in connection with the Company.

W. T. SAGE, President.

Harold Cheese Factory.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and Patrons of the Harold Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the factory on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at 10 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, and transacting any other business in connection with the Company.

JOHN TANNER, President.

The Annual Meeting

Of the Stockholders and Patrons of the Cheese and Butter Company will be held at the Factory on Saturday, Dec. 10, 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock, for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers for the ensuing year, engaging cheesemakers, and transacting all other business necessary in connection with the Company.

GEO. A. JOHNSON, President.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the factory on Saturday, Dec. 10, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing officers, paying dividends, and other general business of the Company.

J. W. SAGER, President.

Evergreen Cheese Factory.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and Patrons of the Evergreen Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the factory on Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at 10 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing officers, paying dividends, and transacting general business of the Company.

WM. RODGERS, President.

Plum Grove Cheese Factory.

The Annual Meeting of the Plum Grove Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15th, 1898, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of paying dividends and the transaction of general business in connection with the Company.

FRED. FANNING, President.

Willman's Corners, Nov. 28, '98.

NOTICE!

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On account of the illness of Mr. Montgomery I have rented the Stirling Steam Laundry, and kindly ask patrons to hand their parcels in before Wednesday morning, as I am only going to wash on Wednesday of each week.

M. HICKEY.

AUCTION SALE Of Road Allowance.

Under By-Law No. 191, passed by the Rawdon Township Council on August last, the south half of the original allowance for the Highway, Lots 18 and 19 in the Second Concession of the aforesaid Township, (excepting that portion occupied by the Grand Trunk Railway) will be offered for sale at Public Auction by Wm. Rodgers, a Licensed Auctioneer for the County of Hastings, on Wednesday, the 14th day of December, at 2 o'clock, p.m. Terms of Sale—20% Cash at time of sale, balance in ten days. The above sale subject to being confirmed by a By-Law to be passed by the County Council of the County of Hastings at the December Session A. D. 1898.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Township Clerk.

NOTICE.

I will be at L. Melkilejohn's store, Stirling, every Saturday afternoon, to receive Taxes.

J. T. COOK, Collector, Township of Rawdon.

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Regular \$2.50, selling for \$2.00.

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We want to make this month a record breaker, and have reduced our prices from 20 to 35 per cent.

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Trains call at Stirling station as follows: GOING WEST. GOING EAST. Mail, 6:15 a.m. Mail, 1:47 p.m. Mixed, 6:42 p.m. Mixed, 10:20 a.m.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1898.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Anniversary Services will be preached at Bethel, Rawdon Circuit, next Sabbath morning and evening, by Rev. S. F. Dewey, of Frankford. Free-will offering taken up at the close of each service.

You can get Sable Tails at ward's.

John Green, who formerly lived a short distance west of Stirling, died at Lime, N. Y., on Nov. 13th. He was a brother of Mr. A. T. Green, of Campbellford. The cause of his death was heart failure.

A good time to order a new suit, ward's.

The annual Missionary Sermons were preached on the Rawdon Circuit last Sabbath by Rev. J. P. Wilson, B.A., Chairman of the Oshawa District. The contributions were far in excess of previous years, amounting to \$120.50.

Brown & McCutcheon are giving special cuts in Ladies' & Gentlemen's Overgaiters.

We again call attention to the Farmers' Institute meeting to be held in Moon's Hall on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. There will be two sessions, afternoon and evening, commencing at 1.30 and 7.30. The speakers from a distance will be Major James Sheppard and T. G. Raynor; and besides these short addresses will also be given by local men of experience and ability. Some good music is also expected at the evening meeting. Admission is free, and ladies are specially invited to attend.

You don't get better Furs than ward's.

We learn from one of the officers that the Rawdon Agricultural Society has ceased to exist. The society has been carried on under difficulties for the past few years, and the directors have thought it best to discontinue the struggle. However there will be no less township societies in North Hastings, as one is likely to be organized in Marmora, and this will obtain considerable support from the northern portion of Rawdon.

You want a new Hat or Cap. See ward's.

The union service in the Methodist Church on Thanksgiving day was fairly well attended. Rev. S. S. Burns preached the sermon, and good music was rendered by the united choirs of the two churches. The offering was for the benefit of the Belleville Hospital, and Rev. Mr. Johnston has received the following acknowledgement of the same:—"The Woman's Christian Association desire to thank the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations of Stirling for their Thanksgiving offering of \$7.00 to the Hospital and Home for the Friendless. Yours very truly, ELIZA J. FLINT, Treasurer W. C. A."

Always buy your Underwear at ward's.

The Epworth League "At Home" on Thanksgiving evening was largely attended, and a very enjoyable social evening was spent by all present. A good programme was rendered, consisting of a reading by Miss Denney, recitation by Mr. Naylor, solos by Mr. Naylor and Miss Kate Barlow and quartets by Mr. and Blakely, Miss Edith Conley and J. W. Donnan, and a male quartet by Messrs. Brown, Blakely, Hagerman and Donnan. The "Bible Study in Cake," introduced by Miss Thompson, created much interest, and helped to make the evening more enjoyable. Refreshments were served during the evening, and all expressed themselves well pleased.

A Conservative Convention will be held in Madoc on Tuesday next, Dec. 6th for the purpose of choosing a candidate for the Local Legislature at the approaching bye-election.

Another lot of Ladies' Imitation Persian Lamb Groundlets at ward's.

The nomination meetings for county councillors will take place on Monday Dec. 19th. The meeting for the Fourth Division for this county will be held at the Foresters' Hall, Spring Brook, between the hours of one and two o'clock p.m. This division comprises the village of Stirling, and the townships of Rawdon and Marmora. The present representatives are F. B. Parker and J. W. Pearce. If a poll is necessary the polling will take place at the same time as the municipal election, on Monday, Jan. 2nd, 1899.

Eight people have been killed and six wounded during the present hunting season in Michigan.

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Are hard on Clothes. We don't say that our stock of clothing for school boys will always resist their efforts—we were boys ourselves once, and we know what's done to them—but we do say that if stout clothing, stout stitches and stout thread won't prove satisfactory, we don't know what will. School suits are a specialty of ours, and we know our prices can't be touched for good goods. Oak Hall Clothing House, Belleville.

Auction Sales.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9.—On lot 11 in the 5th Con. of Rawdon, a lot of farm stock and implements, the property of Mr. John A. Heath. Sale at 1 p.m. sharp. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

Births.

JOHNSTON.—In Stirling, on Oct. 23, the wife of ROBT. JOHNSTON, of a son.

Deaths.

LOCKES.—In Stirling, on Nov. 21th, ADAM LOCKES, aged 80 years.

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GENERAL MERCHANT.

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

Take a look through our extensive stock before making your Xmas purchases. We have the finest lot of goods to select from you ever saw in Stirling. A few lines are—

BANQUET LAMPS. A FULL LINE OF SILVERWARE. STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES. PURSES. CIGAR CASES. The prettiest line of RINGS, BRACELETS, BELTS, CHAINS, Etc., to be found anywhere.

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY.

W. H. CALDER,
JEWELRY, OPTICAL GOODS AND STATIONERY.

On Hand To-Day.

I have just received to-day the finest line of

CROCKERY

Ever shown in Stirling. Call and see for yourself.

OUR GROCERIES

Are, as usual, the freshest and best in the market. We are leaders, and intend to sustain our reputation.

FLOUR & FEED.

Prices furnished on application. We can furnish you any quantity at any time.

JOHN SHAW,
BAKER & GROCER.

A double tragedy took place at Montreal on Saturday evening last, when Pierre Langon, a young French Canadian workman, shot a young woman, wife of one Ritchot. Jealousy was the cause, as Langon was a rejected suitor for the young lady's hand, and she had been married to Ritchot but one month.

Men's Fleece Lined Underwear.
The Oak Hall, Belleville, have just received still another case of men's fleece lined Underwear to sell at 25c. Every time we get a shipment we say "Well, this will surely put us through." But there seems no stop to the sale of this line of underwear. Come in and see the value.

It is said Mr. W. C. Macdonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer of Montreal, is to be knighted on the occasion of the opening of McGill University building, Dec. 20. Mr. Macdonald has given over \$2,000,000 to McGill.

The Belmont gold mine, which was formerly owned by Mr. Alex. Carscallen, M.P., now operated by the Cordova Mining Co., is now turning out \$12,000 per month, and the vein is widening. A 5-stamp mill is used by this company. The new works of the Canada Gold Fields Co. at Deloro are completed, and operations have commenced.

Wedding Bells.

At Stirling, on the evening of Nov. 28th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Winter, in the presence of about 80 guests, a happy event took place, being the marriage of Mr. Winter's sister, Miss Emma Bamber, of Chatterton, to Mr. Jesse S. Vandervoort, of Frankford. The bride was assisted by Miss Clara Vandervoort, while Mr. A. Bamber, brother of the bride, officiated as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. Johnston, of Stirling, at 7 o'clock, after which all partook of a sumptuous repast. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents. The happy couple will visit with friends until Xmas, after which they will start for their future home at Meaford, Georgian Bay. We wish them every happiness.

Village Council.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the village council held Dec. 5th, all the members being present.

The Carver of last meeting were read and confirmed. A communication was received from Henry Carre, C. E., enclosing a plan in connection with the proposed water works, which said plan the Reeve directed to be forwarded to the Provincial Board of Health, as required by statute. The following accounts were on motion ordered to be paid:

Wilson Seely, work at gravel..... \$ 7.00
Caleb Wheeler, " " " "..... 5.00
James Wescott, teaming..... 13.75
Thomas Cook, " " " "..... 2.00
Wm. Bamber, work at gravel..... 30.00
John Gould, teaming..... 43.05
L. Meiklejohn, teaming..... 8.29
J. Boldrick & Son, lumber..... 9.38
Alex. Conley, work on sidewalks..... 2.05
W. Mitchell, care of fire engine..... 12.00
John MacDoe, 1 cord wood to E. Smith..... 2.50
Wilson Seely, salary under Cow by-law..... 5.00
Henry Carre, plan and survey re water works..... 73.30

On motion the Council adjourned.

JOHN S. BLACK, Clerk.

A Pleasant Surprise.

On the evening of Nov. 28th a pleasant gathering took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Sine, composed of their children and grandchildren. Not knowing of their coming, it was a surprise indeed. After the address was read and the gifts were received, they repaired to the dining room where the delicious supper was served in readiness. The evening was spent in music, singing and social chat. At about midnight the gathering dispersed by singing God Save the Queen.

THE ADDRESS.

Sine, Nov. 29th, 1898.
DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER.—We, your sons, with our wives and daughters, with our husbands, on this eve of your departure to reside in Springfield, feel we cannot let you move away without in some way giving expression to our feelings of regret that you are not to reside in the old home any longer. We are glad you are not going very far away, so that you will still be within our reach. We are thankful that a kind Providence has so prospered your temporal affairs that you can now retire from the responsibilities of the farm; but the reason for the change reminds us that age is creeping upon you, and as we call to mind the time when we were all under the parental roof and saw you also in every kind of work, and now see the hoary head, the feeble step, and somewhat stooped form, a sense of sadness comes over us. We are glad, however, that a loving Father in Heaven has spared your lives to us, and when life is ended, enter triumphantly into that "rest which remains for the people of God."—Heb. 4:10.
Father, will you kindly accept this chair, and mother, this lamp, as tokens of our sincere wish and prayers that you may have genuine rest and constantly increasing light from God on life's pathway until the end is reached.

THE REPLY.

We, as parents, feel very deeply grateful to you as our children for presenting us with very beautiful arm chair and parlor lamp. May we all live that we may be an united family in a higher and nobler home beyond this earth of ours.

Who is to Blame?

That is the question the FAMILY HERALD and WEEKLY STAR, of Montreal, always asks subscribers who become indignant if they miss a few copies of that wonderful paper, owing to their own neglect in not renewing in good time, and it is a fair question. The publishers long ago warned their subscribers not to wait until January to renew, as they could not guarantee regular delivery if the names were once taken off. Thousands of new subscribers are clamoring to get on their lists and clerks are working day and night to meet the demand, but the publishers certainly cannot be blamed if old subscribers neglect to renew in good time, and consequently miss a few numbers. Many subscribers consider every number to be worth the year's subscription (one dollar), to say nothing of the beautiful premium picture, "THE THIN RED LINE," which is given free to all yearly subscribers.

The following lines were found written upon the fly leaf of Lord Byron's Bible.

Within this awful volume lies
The mystery of mysteries.
Oh, happiest they of human race
To whom our God has given grace;
To hear, to read, to fear, to pray,
To lift the latch, and force the way.
But better he had ne'er been born
Who reads to doubt or reads to scorn."

Gent's Home Jackets.

The Oak Hall, Belleville, have the price of smoking jackets as low as a very low price are for this Christmas trade. We have nice patterns, \$6 to \$8, and the price only \$2.50. The early customer naturally is the best. You may have them put away for you.

FULL RANGE OF XMAS NOVELTIES IN CROCKERY.

"STIRLING CASH STORE."

CUT THIS OUT FOR
REFERENCE IN
YOUR XMAS BUYING

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS.

DRY GOODS.

For the Xmas trade this Department is well assorted, and bristles with bargains.

In Dress Goods our stock is complete, and comprises the newest goods.

Black Henriettas
at 35c., 50c., 75c., 80c., \$1.00.

SPECIAL.

Fine Black Henrietta, corded back, big value..... 75c.
Fine Black plain Henrietta, the best value to be found..... 50c.
Fine Black Henrietta, 46-inch, regular value 75c..... 65c.

Tweed Dress Patterns.

From now until Xmas we offer some special bargains.
Regular \$2.50 Suits for..... \$2.00
" \$5.50 Suits for..... \$4.00
" \$5.75 Suits for..... \$4.25
" \$6.50 Suits for..... \$4.75

Cloakings.

Sixty prices to select from. Prices from 75c. to \$2.25.

Table Linens

Beautiful fine Pure Linen, nearly 2 yards wide, only..... 50c.

Wrapperettes.

This week we just opened a new line of Heavy Wrapperettes in Plaids and pretty patterns.
Special value, heavy weight..... 10c.
32-in. Heavy Flannelette..... 5c.

NEW LACES, NEW GLOVES,

NEW HANDKERCHIEFS,

NEW RIBBONS.

Ladies' Fine Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... 5c.
Gentlemen's large size Lawn Handkerchiefs..... 5c.
Gentlemen's Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs..... 25c.
Feather Boas, starting at..... 25c.

We are bound to bring a large trade this way if Prices and Quality are any inducement.

CLOTHING.

There is a wonderful difference in Clothing. Some Clothing is cheap shop work, which, in buying, is like throwing money away. The class of Clothing we handle is not of this order, but thoroughly well made goods, cut by competent tailors, sewn with the best thread, and perfect fitters.

This season so far has been in favor of the buyer rather than the seller, owing to the mild weather. Our Stock is large, and must be sold if PRICE AND QUALITY combined will sell it.

Men's fine Black solid Worsted Suits, striped Pants, worth \$12.50, for..... \$10.00

Men's heavy D. B. Suit, solid tweed, well worth \$10 for... 8 00

Men's heavy D. B. Suits, solid tweed, good lining, worth \$7.00, for..... 5 50

Men's single breasted Suits from \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$10.

These prices are all below regular value, and will appeal to the close buyer.

Youth's Suits, long pants, start at \$3.25.

Boys' two and three piece Suits, all prices.

Special line two piece Suits, regular price \$2.50, for \$2.00.

Men's heavy all-wool Frieze Pants..... \$1.25

All-wool Grey Flannel Shirts... 50c.

Heavy all-wool Sox, 2 pns. for... 25c.

GROCERIES.

The main feature in buying Groceries is to buy PURE and FRESH goods. This is the only kind of goods we supply you with, buying as we do every week.

We buy nothing but

ABSOLUTELY PURE SPICES.

Pure Cloves, Pure Ginger, Pure Allspice, Pure Mustard, Pure Cream Tartar and Pure Pepper.

Fresh Raisins.

Large, selected fruit. Seeded Raisins, in 1-lb. packages. Cleaned CURRANTS, no stems, in 1-lb. packages.

Choice, clean Currants, by the lb. SHELLED ALMONDS, Shelled WALNUTS.

Fresh Peels.

Orange, Citron and Lemon.

Fresh Salmon.

Clover Leaf and O-wee-kay-no brands.

Canned Goods.

Tomatoes, Peas, Corn, Apples, Plums, Chipped and Corn Beef.

Pure Java & Mocha COFFEE. RICE, two qualities, one at 5c., and a large clear kernel at 8c.

TAPIOCA, good quality.

Oatmeal.

We handle nothing but the BEST BRAND.

Our 25-CENT TEA is a leader. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

Bring us your Poultry and Produce. We pay the highest prices.

T. G. CLUTE.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

At the Popular Shoe Store.

For the Ladies==Our first Thought Always.

Ladies' Felt Romeos and Julietts
" Slippers and House Boots.
" Gaiters and German Slippers.
" Fine Overshoes and Rubbers.
" Cardigan Overshoes. Ladies' Skating Boots.
" Spats, Overgaiters and Leggings.

For the Men.

Men's Fancy Plush Slippers.
" Carpet Slippers.
" Opera (Chocolate) Slippers
" Fine Overshoes.
" Felt Gaiters.
" Spats (fawn and black).

For the Girls.

Girl's Neat Skating Boots.
Girl's Fancy German Slippers.
Girl's Cardigan Overshoes.
Girl's Lined Rubbers.
Girl's Moccasins.

For the Boys.

Boys' Moccasins.
" Skating Boots.
" Rubbers.
" Sox & Rubbers.

FOR CHILDREN.

Children's Felt Button Boots.
" Gaiters and Slippers.
" Cardigan Overshoes.
" Rubbers.
" Moccasins (fancy).
" Santa Claus Slippers.

You will always find anything you want in Boots, Shoes or Rubbers at the Lowest Prices. Give us a call when doing your Xmas shopping.

MARTIN & REYNOLDS.

December Sale.

We start to-day our December Sale of FANCY GOODS, BOOKS, WALL PAPERS, STATIONERY, Etc.

We want to make this month a record breaker, and have reduced our prices from 20 to 35 per cent.

FANCY CHINA.

A splendid range of odd Cups and Saucers, from 5c. to 95c. Fancy Japanese Sugars, Creams, Chocolate Pots, Vases, Figures. Ten and Bread and Butter Plates, German Glass Vases, Cut Glass Vases, Jardinieres.

Our Lamps are at the top because we have the latest goods at the lowest prices.

Toys, Dolls, Games, Mechanical Toys and Musical Instruments.

BOOKS.

Services for All Churches. Splendid value in Bibles.

See our 25c. line of books, worth 40c., comprising such authors as Cowper, Hawthorne, Mayne Reid, Marryat, Longfellow, Scott, Milton, Dumas, Dickens, E. P. Roe, Lowell, Wallace, Thackeray, Bronte, etc.,

In ATTRACTIVE BINDING and WELL PRINTED.

Gift Books, Cards and Calendars at 5, 10, 30, 50c. upwards.

IN PERFUMES

Our prices never were so low. We have the best odors, nicely put up, and marked very low.

SPECIAL.—Fine cut glass 1½ ounce bottles, French Perfume, only 35c., worth 75c.

CREPE TISSUE, fine quality, full rolls, all colors, per roll, 13c.

STATIONERY.

Fancy Papeteries, bargain prices in all lines. Five quires paper for 15c., any size. Large sized sheet Blotting paper, any color, 2 for 5c.

Full box of Envelopes, good quality, square, for 15c.

PARKER'S DRUG AND BOOK STORE.

STOVES!

A full line of Box and Cook Stoves. Our Parlor Stoves are beauties. Call and see them.

GUNS.

MARLIN and WINCHESTER Repeating Rifles.

Daisy Churns, Granite Ware, Robertson's Mixed Paints, &c.

All Repairing done on short notice.

FURNACE WORK a specialty.

H. & J. WARREN,

THE HARDWARE & TINWARE MERCHANTS,

MILL ST.

TO FARMERS

The undersigned has for service Improved Berkshire and Tamworth Boars, both thoroughbred. Terms 75c. Also a number of small pigs for sale.

URBANE HEATH,

Lot 12, Con. 7, Rawdon.

SWINE BREEDERS, ATTENTION

I have for service Thoroughbred Tamworth, Yorkshire and Duroc Jersey Boars, registered pedigrees.

Thoroughbred Tamworth pigs for sale, either sex. Prices right.

W. T. SINE,

Lot 12, Con. 5, Rawdon. Sine P. O.

STRAYED.

Came to my premises, on or about the 15th of Nov., a bay horse. Owner can have the same by proving property, paying charges and taking him away.

A. W. GREIN,

Lot 23, Con. 1, Rawdon.

WINTER IS HERE

AND WE ARE HERE READY TO SUPPLY YOU WITH

All Kinds of Warm Footwear

To keep the feet dry and warm and save doctor's bills.

Our sales this Fall and Winter have increased 50% because we have the right goods with prices moderate.

FOR XMAS TRADE we have FANCY SLIPPERS for men, women and children.

We are selling Overgaiters at cost. Plenty of Skating Boots, wool lined.

RUBBERS, FELT SOCKS, MOCCASINS, MITTS, BOYS' and MEN'S LONG BOOTS. Come in and get well booted cheap.

BOOTS MADE TO ORDER.—THE BEST.

☞ We would like all overdue accounts settled at once, as we really need money.

BROWN & McCUTCHEON,

THE RELIABLE SHOE DEALERS.

OUR LUMBER YARD IN STIRLING.

Under the Management of C. J. BOLDRICK.

Includes Shingles in three grades, Lath, 1½ and inch flooring, Cope Siding in Pine, Basswood and Hemlock, Wainscoting, Ceiling lumber, surfaced Pine in all widths, rough Pine from \$7 up, 2x4 Scantling, Plank in all widths,—in fact from this date we can furnish intending builders with everything required at very moderate prices. Since our connection of Factory to our Mill power we are prepared to do all kinds of custom work, on saw or planer, with no notice required. Bring your lumber to us and we will convert it into Flooring or Siding for you satisfactorily.

C. J. BOLDRICK.

PARKER BROTHERS BANKERS, STIRLING ONTARIO.

A General Banking Business transacted.

4 per cent. allowed on Deposits.

Drafts bought and sold on all parts of Canada, United States and Great Britain. Money to let on Mortgages at low interest. Office hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. F. B. PARKER. R. PARKER, M.D.

ADVERTISING NOTICES.

In the local column will be charged as follows: To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and under 25 cents each insertion; over three lines, 7c. per line. Matter set in larger than the ordinary type, 10c. per line. To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:— GOING WEST. GOING EAST. Mail..... 8:15 a.m. Mail..... 1:47 p.m. Mixed..... 8:42 a.m. Mixed..... 10:20 a.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1898.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Wood is beginning to come into town the last day or two.

Up-to-date Xmas presents at ward's.

His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa, will consecrate the Church of St. Lawrence on Friday afternoon, Dec. 10th, at 3 o'clock.

See T. G. Clute's new Dinner Sets. The newest and prettiest in town.

The Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School to be held Monday evening Dec. 20th, will be spicy and attractive.

A comfortable present—a Fur Cape, Jacket, Capeline or Collar from ward's.

Water works and Electric Light for Stirling, will be discussed by the young men of the Methodist Church on Monday evening Dec. 20th.

Just arrived—our Xmas Silk Pockets and Neckwear at ward's.

The County Council is now in session at Belleville. Mr. F. B. Parker, is in attendance as one of the representatives from this division.

Overgaiters very cheap at Brown & McCutcheon's.

The recent snow storm did not leave the roads in first class condition for sleighing, there being too much snow in some places and not enough in others.

Silk Neck-Scarves, Fur-lined Gloves at ward's.

Practice is in progress for the annual Sabbath School entertainment in connection with the Presbyterian Church here, which promises to be something above the average. See particulars later on.

Mr. Jas. Scott will preach on the Rawdon Circuit next Sabbath, at Bethel 10:30, Wellman's 2:30, and Mt. Pleasant 7:30. Rev. W. D. P. Wilson will preach the Anniversary Sermons at the Beulah appointment on the Ivanhoe Circuit.

T. G. Clute's Xmas table of Crochery Novelties is very pretty.

The Provincial Board of Health at Toronto having thoroughly tested the samples of water sent there from Oak Hill Lake have reported it as perfectly pure, and fit for use for all domestic purposes. It now rests with the Council to proceed with the construction of the Waterworks.

The Anniversary Service in connection with the Bethel appointment on the Rawdon Circuit was held last Sabbath. It was a grand success. Two admirable sermons were preached by Rev. S. F. Dewey. The choir rendered valuable service. The morning collection amounted to over \$52.

For Mitts, Gloves and Underwear get T. G. Clute's prices.

At the Liberal Convention held at Minto on Wednesday of last week, Mr. B. O. Lott was again chosen as their candidate at the election to be held on the 27th inst. The Conservative Convention was also held at Minto on Tuesday last, when Mr. W. J. Allen was chosen as their candidate. Therefore the same men try the battle over again.

On Sabbath, December 25th, there will be special services in the Mt. Pleasant Church on the Rawdon circuit. The pastor, Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, will preach at 10:30 a.m. Music by the choir, assisted by the Smith Family, of Brighton, and in the evening at 7 o'clock there will be a musical service and instrumental music by the Smith Family. A silver collection at the close of each service.

Nominations for the provincial elections in Nipissing and North Hastings will take place December 20; election December 27.

Rev. W. D. P. Wilson will preach anniversary sermons at Beulah Church, Ivanhoe Circuit, on Sunday next, the 11th inst., morning and evening.

A furious snow storm commenced on Sunday evening last about dark, and continued throughout the night. A great depth of snow fell, and as a strong gale accompanied it the roads were in many places badly drifted.

In view of the approach of the Christmas season, attention is directed to the fact that no parcel can be sent from Canada to any other country by parcel post unless it bears a customs declaration setting forth the nature of its contents and its value.

Notice.

Stirling L.O.L. No. 110 will hold its annual December meeting for the election of officers and conferring degrees on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 13, at the usual hour.

Christmas Shopping.

Don't leave your Christmas trading until the rush of a few days before. The Oak Hall, Belleville are already putting aside for customers such goods as grey lamb cape, boys' suits, and gents' smoking jackets. First choice on such lines is very desirable. Now don't leave everything for the rush.

Auction Sales.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9.—On lot 11 in the 5th Con. of Rawdon, a lot of farm stock and implements, the property of Mr. John A. Heath. Sale at 1 p.m. sharp. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

Murried.

SHARP REID.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Front St., by Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, on Dec. 7th, GEO. SHARP and ELLA REID, all of the township of Rawdon.

CROWDS OF PEOPLE HARDWARE!

Are visiting this Store daily to take advantage of the big values we are offering in

READY-TO-WEAR CLOTHING

AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

The public have come to the conclusion that it is money thrown away to pay a tailor \$15.00 for a suit of clothes when just as good material, workmanship and fit in a suit can be had at this Store for about one-half the money. We intend making December a record breaker. A visit to this store will convince you that we are starting right to accomplish it.

GROCERIES.

We have just received a choice lot of Cleaned Currants, Seeded Raisins, Seedless Raisins, New California Raisins, Valencia Raisins, and candied Peels. If you want your Xmas first class come to us for the material

OYSTERS.—Fresh Oysters in stock.

SALT.—Another car of Windsor Salt just received.

DRIED APPLES.—We pay \$1.10 per bushel.

WM. HOLDEN.

REDUCED PRICES IN BOOTS & SHOES.

Men's light to Imperial King Regular \$3.70, selling for \$2.75.

Men's Stogas, whole stock, Regular \$2.50, selling for \$2.00.

Men's Bull Bats, Regular \$2.00, selling for \$1.25.

Boys' High Top Boots, Reg. \$1.00 to \$1.50, selling for \$1.25.

An Equal Reduction in all Lines in Stock.

P. WELCH & CO. Springbrook.

NOTICE.

I will be at L. Meiklejohn's store, Stirling, every Saturday afternoon, to receive Taxes.

L. T. COOK, Collector, Township of Rawdon.

For Service.

A thoroughbred Improved Suffolk Boar. Reg. "Whitcomb Scott" 228 Terms 75c. E. W. BROWN, Lot 22, Con. 1, Rawdon.

NOMINATION MEETING.

Fourth County Council Division, County of Hastings.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held pursuant to the Municipal Act, 1898, at

FORESTERS' HALL, SPRING BROOK, ON THE

19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1898,

BETWEEN the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of County Councillors for the Fourth County Council Division of the County of Hastings.

If a greater number of candidates are nominated than are required to be elected the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling subdivisions within the said district on Monday, the Second Day of January, 1899, the polls to continue open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.

Dated the Twentieth day of November, 1898.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Nominating Officer.

FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale his House and Lot half acre north side Charlotte St., in good repair. A bargain and easy terms of payment if required. Inspection invited.

J. W. BYGOTT, Stirling, Dec. 1, 1898.

Buy the

MILITARY

SNIDER

RIFLE

20 Rounds of Cartridge and a Bayonet thrown in.

Call and get Low Prices.

L. MEIKLEJOHN.

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Correspondence is invited on all legitimate subjects, the real name of the writer to be furnished the editor in every case. This rule can have no exception.

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For ordinary business advertisements: Charge PER INCH per week when inserted for

Whole col. down to half inch, 50c. 10c. Half col. down to quarter col. 25c. 10c. Quarter col. down to 10 lines, 10c. 10c.

If inserted less than three months 1 cent extra on above rates. If less than two months 2 cents extra on above rates. If less than one month 3 cents extra on above rates.

These rates to be confined to the ordinary business of the commercial houses, and for such they will not be held to include Auction Sales, Removals, Co-partnership Notices, Private Advertisements of individual members of the community, or for any other special occasion. Limited to six lines, \$1 per line for one month. One inch, \$3 per year. Proportional charges for less than one month.

Advertisements may be charged at the rate of 10c. per line for two months, \$1 for three months, \$2 for four months, \$3 for six months, \$4 for nine months, \$5 for one year. Transient advertisements, 5c. per line first insertion, 3c. per line on subsequent insertions. Advertisements without special instructions inserted till forbid, and charged accordingly.

Births, Marriages and Deaths inserted free. JOH. PUNTER of every death notice entered in neat and fashionable style, and on short notice.

The NEWS-ARGUS

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS, TO JAN. 1, 1899, ONLY \$1.00.



HERE I AM AGAIN

SANTA CLAUS has made his Headquarters at Fred. Ward's this year, and you will get your Xmas presents there. They are all comfortable, or nautical, and useful. Call early and have them laid aside for you. We have put in the following goods as specialties for Xmas presents, and of variety of choice cannot be excelled.

Plain Satin Suspenders, in assorted colors, 40c. and 75c.
Fancy Waxed Satin Suspenders, assorted colors, 45c. to \$1.10.
Silk Mullers, Scotch plaid, shepherd plaid, pure white, 75c. to \$1.50.
Cashmere Mullers, 25c. to 75c. White Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to \$1.00.
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, assorted colors, beautiful patterns, 25c. to \$1.50.

Neck-Wear = Neck-Wear

We have excelled ourselves this year for the Xmas trade. The variety of styles, designs and colors is far too vast to mention them all. Puffs, Derbys, Flowing Ends, Clubs, Strings, Dows, Knots,—anything and everything new in Neckwear you will find here from 15c. to 75c.

Gloves & Mitts.

We have a STOCK of the above, not a few pairs, to choose from. Silk Lined, Fur Lined, Fancy Wool Lined, from 50c. up to \$3.00. Keep your hands warm.

OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT is well assorted. Suits from 90c. to \$3.00.

FURS. FURS. FURS.

Ladies' Fur Gauntlets, Imitation Lamb Gauntlets, Capelines, Collars, Ruifs, Muffs, Capes, Bows, Jackets, Men's Fur Coats, Caps and Collars.

We are issuing checks for every Cash purchase. We want to make this Store YOUR Store. Watch this space next week.

FRED. T. WARD,
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

SOON FOR SANTA CLAUS TO BUY HIS PRESENTS.

Head for C. F. STICKLE'S Store, where you can always find everything for Christmas.

Tea Set, cup, saucer and plate, 40c. Children's Fancy Cups and Saucers, 10c. Large Fancy Bread Plates, 20c., 25c., 30c. each. Gentle's Fancy Cups and Saucers from 20c. to 60c. Children's Tea Sets, a large variety, three sizes, 15c., 35c., 50c.

Porridge Sets, 30c. to 90c.
Fancy Card Plates, 25c.
Cruet Sets, 25c.
Children's Mugs, 5c.
Perfume Bottles, fancy, \$1.00 set.
Fancy Lamps, complete, only 50c. Other things too numerous to mention.

Biscuit Jars, 25c.
Fancy Cheese Dishes, 50c.
Fancy Fruit Servers, \$1.25.
Fancy Cuspidors only 25c.
Fancy Butter Dishes only 25c.
Remainder of LADIES' JACKETS will be sold less than cost.
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Take a look through our extensive stock before making your Xmas purchases. We have the finest lot of goods to select from you ever saw in Stirling. A few lines are:

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Cranberries, Currants, Raisins, Peels, Sugar, Spices, Flour, Pork, Lard, Salt.

—In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.

JOHN SHAW.

County Council.

The last session of the County Council for 1898 was held in Belleville last week, all the members being present.

The Warden made a short address, congratulating the Council on the economical manner in which the county finances had been managed.

The report of the Superintendent of Roads and Bridges showed the appropriation for the year was \$10,500, and \$800 for snow and wire fences. The expenditure was \$10,250.70, being \$249.30 in excess of appropriation. The appropriation for Rawdon was \$1050, and the expenditure was \$50, and expenditure the same. Huntington, appropriation \$750; expenditure \$855.83. Marmora, appropriation \$550; expenditure \$569.28. In Thurlow the appropriation was \$1900, and the expenditure \$2,457.41. This excess of expenditure in Thurlow caused an animated discussion in Council. Mr. Pearce wanted an explanation from the Superintendent. The Supt. said the roads in Thurlow leading into the city needed much improvement owing to the extensive travel over them. He had exceeded the estimates owing to a necessity.

Several memorials from other municipalities asking the co-operation of Hastings County Council to secure certain legislation were considered. One from the County of Walpole and to do away with fees imposed on garden and farm produce offered for sale in cities and towns was concurred in.

A memorial from Dufferin County asking the support of Hastings County Council in petitioning the Legislature to amend the Act in reference to summoning jurors to court when there are no cases for them to consider, was also concurred in.

Other memorials were not entertained. Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Pearce, moved that the clerk communicate with manufacturers of stoves, cauldrons, and road rollers in reference to that class of machinery and report the result to the next session of the council.

The clerk read a statement from the treasurer of arrears of taxes due the county by the minor municipalities. The report was laid on the table.

Charles W. Thompson and Francis Brentnell were appointed county auditors.

S. Russell, M. P. P., was appointed High School trustee for Deseronto in place of the late F. S. Rathburn.

The report was laid on the table. Mr. McFarlane stated that the committee appointed at last January's session to inquire into the relations between the county and Magistrate Flint had recommended that the attorney-general be asked to cancel the agreement. This was done, and no answer had been received. He thought it high time to have some reply and thought a deputation should be sent to Toronto.

Mr. Cross thought that the communication was worthy of the courtesy of a reply, and suggested that the clerk be instructed to write and ask for a reply. At the next session something more definite might be brought before the council. He would then favor the stoppage of the magistrate's salary if nothing was done by the legislature. He moved that the clerk be asked to write the department.

The motion carried. On motion a number of accounts were ordered to be paid, among them the following: The Intelligencer Printing Co. \$180.00; T. S. Carman \$141.90; The Sun Printing Co. \$136.00.

Mr. Hanley moved that, as accounts for administration of justice are growing larger, the clerk procure from the proper authorities a full list of fines and costs and expenses of cases and a statement of the convictions made and report the same at the next session.—Carried.

Mr. Cross complained of telegraph and telephone companies' action in destroying shade trees on county roads near Minto. He wanted to know if the companies had any right to do so, and if any revenue was given for use of roads. He thought the country telephoning and telegraphing should be done free in consideration of privileges granted the companies.

The warden said he had seen the work and thought it was unnecessary.

Mr. Cross moved that the Superintendent be instructed to make out a bill of trees and send the same to the parties at fault. The motion passed. After complimentary resolutions to the retiring Warden, and the County Clerk, the Council adjourned.

To Commemorate Imperial Penny Postage.

The Review Printing Co., Limited, of Peterborough, have issued (under copyright) a handsome correspondence envelope, showing a very suitable and unique design printed in tints. These envelopes are largely in demand, and as the new Imperial Penny, or two-cent postage rate to the Mother Country comes into force on Christmas day, quite reasonable. The idea is keeping with such envelopes issued when penny postage became the law in Great Britain. The envelopes are sold by the publishers at the rate of 15c. per package of 25, postage paid, or can be had from local booksellers who have secured a supply.

Very Cold Weather.

You must have good warm clothing these very cold days. You will find just what you want at the Oak Hall, Belleville, in overcoats, suits, heavy buff under wear, cat-suits, mitts and gloves, caps, etc. Everything for men to wear but boots.

FULL RANGE OF XMAS NOVELTIES IN CROCKERY.

"STIRLING CASH STORE."

CUT THIS OUT FOR REFERENCE IN YOUR XMAS BUYING

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS.

DRY GOODS.

For the Xmas trade this Department is well assorted, and bristles with bargains.

In Dress Goods our stock is complete, and comprises the newest goods.

Black Henriettas

at 35c., 50c., 75c., 80c., \$1.00.

SPECIAL.

Fine Black Henrietta, corded back, big value 75c.
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From now until Xmas we offer some special bargains.
Regular \$2.50 Suits for \$2.00
" \$5.50 Suits for \$4.00
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Cloakings.

Sixty pieces to select from. Prices from 75c. to \$2.25.

Table Linens

25c., 35c., 40c., 50c., 90c.
Beautiful fine Pure Linen, nearly 2 yards wide, only 50c.

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This week we just opened a new line of Heavy Wrapperettes in Plaids and pretty patterns.
Special value, heavy weight 10c.
32-in. Heavy Flannel 5c.

NEW LACES, NEW GLOVES,

NEW HANDKERCHIEFS,

NEW RIBBONS.

Ladies' Fine Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 5c.
Gentlemen's large size Lawn Handkerchiefs 5c.
Gentlemen's Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs 25c.
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We are bound to bring a large trade this way if Prices and Quality are any inducement.

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At the Popular Shoe Store.

For the Ladies—Our first Thought Always.

Ladies' Felt Romeos and Julietts
" Slippers and House Boots.
" Gaiters and German Slippers.
" Fine Overshoes and Rubbers.
" Cardigan Overshoes. Ladies' Skating Boots.
" Spats, Overgaiters and Leggings.

For the Men.

Men's Fancy Plush Slippers.
" Carpet Slippers.
" Opera (Chocolate) Slippers
" Fine Overshoes.
" Felt Gaiters.
" Spats (fawn and black).

For the Girls.

Girl's Neat Skating Boots.
Girl's Fancy German Slippers.
Girl's Cardigan Overshoes.
Girl's Lined Rubbers.
Girl's Moccasins.

For the Boys.

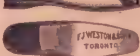
Boys' Moccasins.
" Skating Boots.
" Rubbers.
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FOR CHILDREN.

Children's Felt Button Boots.
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" Cardigan Overshoes.
" Rubbers.
" Moccasins (fancy).
" Santa Claus Slippers.

You will always find anything you want in Boots, Shoes or Rubbers at the Lowest Prices. Give us a call when doing your Xmas shopping.

MARTIN & REYNOLDS.



The Ontario Gazette contains a proclamation declaring the 29th December and the 2nd January next public holidays. This action has been taken because of the fact that the next ensuing Christmas day and New Year's day fall on Sundays.

The treaty of peace between the United States and Spain was signed on Saturday last. By its provisions the United States obtain Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands. Spain is to get \$20,000,000 for the cession of the Philippines.

As amended the law governing municipal nominations is as follows: "At such meetings, the person or persons to fill each office shall be proposed and seconded in writing, and every such nomination shall be in writing, shall state the full name, place of residence and occupation of the candidate, and shall be signed by his proposer and second." Sec. 128, Mun. Act. Then as to resignations: "At the nomination meeting or on the following day, or where such last named day is a public holiday, then before 12 o'clock noon of the succeeding day, any person proposed for one or more offices may resign, or may elect for which office he is to remain nominated; and in default he shall be taken as nominated for the office in respect of which he is first proposed and seconded."—Sec. 129, (2).

Prohibition as a government measure is making headway in the east. A Cairo despatch says the sale of intoxicating liquors will be prohibited in the Sudan. As General Kitchener, on his campaign against the Kitchins, on prohibition principles with great success, both as a military and a sanitary measure, a continuance of the law would not doubt have equally beneficial results under a civil administration, if carried out under an equally upright authority. The law of the Prophet against the use of wine is not always strictly observed among his followers, but prohibition would not be for them alone. The ragtag from Europe and the Levant who are sure to flow into the newly reconquered provinces will need it much more than the Sudanese proper, and it will be a grand thing for British Africa, if, following the destruction of dervish tyranny, should come peace, education, the suppression of slavery and prohibition of the liquor traffic. The extension of the highest moral grounds to the best advantage to the natives and the cause of civilization.—Winnes.

The Commission which first met in Quebec in August last, and has lately been holding sessions in Washington, to endeavor to settle all matters of dispute between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, appears at present not likely to bring forth much fruit. It was hoped that among other matters a treaty of reciprocity would be made for the free exchange of certain products of Canada and the United States, but late advice states that there is little prospect of such a treaty being made. There are many important points upon which the commissioners seem unable to agree, and all hope of reconciling the conflicting interests are about at an end. It is perhaps just as well, as Canada has entered upon an era of prosperity and expansion, which makes the U. S. markets of less relative value than formerly, while the giving of a 25 per cent preferential tariff in favor of Great Britain is leading to a great expansion of trade with the mother country, as well as drawing the bonds of union more closely. The Canadian commissioners will do well not to sacrifice Canada's interests in any respect, but firmly and respectfully maintain our rights. It is stated the conference is likely to adjourn about the 20th inst., to reassemble again after March 4th next.

North Hastings Mines.

Mr. A. J. G. Swinney, who established the Canada Gold Fields Company's works two or three years ago at Deloro, has just returned from a trip to Europe. He has organized a large syndicate of capitalists and has arrangements completed to commence operations on an extensive scale in North Hastings. He has already a large number of choice properties which he intends to operate on in the immediate future. The Kingston Times says: "There is a revival of interest in the mines of Eastern Ontario. The gold mines of Hastings county are being more extensively worked, while the iron, mica and lead mines of Frontenac are employing more men and giving more satisfactory returns to the operators."

In some parts of Michigan the snow is said to be seven feet deep on the level. It is stated that 70,000 barrels of apples of average have been stored in Brighton and 90,000 in Colborne, to be repacked and shipped during the winter.

Heavy Beaver Overcoats. Most famous cloth overcoat are not heavy enough for real cold weather. The Oak Hill, Belleville, and a Kilmorye, are made in double-breasted, quilted and well lined styles, the bottom, making them warm and cozy. — *Paterson Co.*

Inferior Court Procedure.

Under the laws of legal procedure in this Province, if Jones owes Smith \$200 on a promissory note, Smith may sue him in the Division Court, and if Jones does not defend, or if he defends and fails Smith will get judgment at a total cost of 5 or 10 per cent of his claim. But if Smith has a claim of \$150 against Brown for a grocery bill, he must only sue in the County Court, and if Brown defends, Smith's costs may not amount to as much as the bill, or they may.

An action in the Division Court may involve the title of a mortgage or conveyance of property worth thousands of dollars, but if the plaintiff's claim be on an open account and is one dollar over \$100, or for a balance of an open account the total amount of which was over \$100, though the balance may not be more than \$10, or for more than \$50 damages, or on a promissory note for over \$200, in any of these cases he must go to the County Court and run the usual course of pleadings, motions, affidavits, orders, and all the other High Court rituals.

The practical working of the County Court system is shown by its fruits, which are tabulated in the reports of the Inspector of Legal Officers. His report for 1897, for instance, shows that the total number of judgments after trial entered in that year in the 44 counties of Ontario was 189. The total amount of such judgments without costs was \$21,769.71, and the total amount of costs and disbursements allowed to the successful parties in these cases was only a few hundred dollars less, being in exact figures \$24,167.77, averaged at \$130 per case. In addition the unsuccessful parties had to pay their own costs, which, it is perhaps fair to assume, were not less than those above stated, so that it would appear that in cases that go to trial in the County Court the costs average two dollars for every dollar for which the client recovers judgment.

On the other hand, in the Division Court the legal game is played with a strict limit. The only costs a litigant may recover against an opponent in the Division Court are his actual disbursements, whereas the judgment is for more than \$100, a \$1000 fee, and in case of an appeal to Osgoode Hall his further disbursements and a fee of \$15. Thus, if Jones disputes Smith's claim on the \$200 note until he can dispute it no further, that is to say until he gets the judgment of a Division Court, he may become liable to pay at the outside \$25 for solicitors' fees, besides disbursements which in an average case will not amount to more than \$10 more.

As against a total of 2,266 cases entered in the County Courts of the Province in 1897, 49,437 cases were during the same time entered in the Division Courts. In other words, the County Court system, which is inexpensive and convenient, and in many ways a model system, is unpopular, and the Division Court system, which is expensive and inconvenient, and in many ways a model system, is popular. The new Legislature could do the Province that would be more generally appreciated than the amalgamation of the two inferior court systems into one system modelled largely upon the plan of the present Division Court.—Globe.

Election of Officers.

At the regular annual meeting of L. O. L. No. 172, the following officers were duly elected and installed: Bro. James Hurst—W. M., "Elgin Jackson—D. M., "T. H. Mathews—Chaplain, "M. H. Hoyle—Sec. Sec., "Harry Nugent—Fin. Sec., "Albert Thompson—Treasurer, "Wm. Emmons—Dir. of Cor., "Samuel Wooding—Lecturer, "Peter Hubble, John Thompson, Wm. Hoyle, Conger McConnell, Elgin Weaver—Committee.

Lodge meets first Wednesday of every month. Visiting brethren always welcome.

"The old grist mill in Marmora is being fitted up for a woollen mill."

The Belleville newspapers make an appeal to the public for financial assistance for W. H. Ponton in his second trial.

The people of Bancroft are urged to vote a bonus of \$2,500 for a branch of the Central Ontario Railway from Ormsby to their village.

Mr. W. H. Ponton, now famous on account of the great bank robbery trial, is now in the position of a travelling agent for a Kingston tobacco house.

The Deseronto car shops are building fifty bus cars for the Intercolonial railway. Each car is of 60,000 lbs. capacity, and will be built of the very best material.

Boys' Kid Gloves. Did you ever try to buy a pair of boys' kid gloves? If you have, you know the success you have had in trying to find them. The only link that will connect two sets of lines made for Christmas trade. Price 50c, and 75c.

Spring Brook.

Professor Beal's singing class is now fully under way. A very enthusiastic Conservative meeting was held in the Orange Hall last Monday night in the interval between the singing of the choir. The choir was delivered by H. Corby, M. P.; W. B. Northrop, and A. P. Campbell. Elmer McConnell, for more than fifty years a resident of this neighborhood, passed over to the silent majority last Thursday at the advanced age of 89. Samuel Stevens, aged 81, died at his father's residence last Tuesday night, of diphtheria. He was sick only a few days. The funeral took place on Thursday.

Spring Brook Sunday School is preparing for two Christmas trees and a big entertainment on Thursday evening the 22nd, in the I. O. F. Hall.

Glenn Ross.

From Our Own Correspondent. Mrs. B. L. Brooks, who has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, is reported somewhat better.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook of Peterborough are visiting at Mr. S. Holden's.

Mr. Fred B. Wagar is visiting relatives at Napawa.

Mrs. Charles Nolan, who has been seriously ill for some time is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bradshaw of Corvilliers are the guests of friends in this town.

Mr. Willis Winter arrived home last week after spending the summer at Hallowell.

Mrs. Board, of Hoad's Station, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. B. White, was taken ill there is convalescent.

Foxboro Notes. From Our Own Correspondent. Mr. Alfred Fox and two children, of Lum, Mich., are spending the winter with Mrs. Fox's father, Mr. D. Wickett.

The Union Sunday School intends having a Christmas tree and Cantata on Christmas eve in the South church.

Collection Dec. 20th. The North Church intend having their anniversary services on Dec. 25th, and their usual tea meeting on Monday evening, Dec. 20th.

Miss Eva Gossell is the guest of her brother, Mr. Jas. Gossell, of Crookston.

Mr. Ehrigste spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Faulkner.

Mr. Arthur Fenn is confined to the house on account of illness.

An Alleged Injustice.

(From Intelligencer Dec. 5.) An item appearing in the Intelligencer last night stated that Mrs. Mary E. Smith, of Stirling, had been committed to goal for one month on a charge of theft.

This action has aroused considerable indignation, and as a result the authorities of the village, County Councillor Parker, and even the Warden have interfered in her behalf. It appears that the unfortunate woman, who is in poor circumstances, had a case before Police Magistrate Flint some time ago, being charged by a neighbor with misrepresentation over a horse deal. It is alleged that the case was dismissed without the defendant being able to properly defend herself. No fine was imposed, but the costs amounting to \$11 were not paid for and for this she was committed to goal.

Police Magistrate Flint says that he issued the warrant for commitment, because the parties to whom the costs were due had repeatedly urged him to obtain the money. Constable Garrett brought the woman to goal.

This morning the Warden in company with others visited the goal and endeavored to have the woman released, but she refuses, stating that she will serve her term and bring an action against those who were instrumental in having her incarcerated. The outcome of the case will be awaited with interest.

Presentation and Address.

The pupils of S. S. No. 13, Rawdon, surprised their teacher, Mr. J. R. Gray, on Monday evening, by presenting him with beautiful volumes of Milton's and Byron's poems together with the following address:

DEAR TEACHER.—As the time has almost arrived when we must say "Good-bye" we wish to express in a slight measure, the esteem in which we hold you and the regret we feel at your leaving us. We know that while you have been with us you have "wrought us lasting good" by setting before us the example of a true gentleman as well as by taking such a deep interest in our studies. Sometimes you may have felt discouraged, thinking you had failed to appreciate your labors but in spite of our thoughtlessness "we always felt grateful to you."

We would gladly have you remain with us longer but as "late decrees that dearest friends be gone" we ask you to accept these books, hoping that they may sometimes remind you of your pupils at Harold, who wish you the highest success wherever your lot may be cast.

Signed on behalf of the school, HARRY HEATH, ANNE NINE.

The teacher expressed his thanks in a few touching words, encouraging the pupils to aim high and telling them he would always be interested in their welfare and pleased to hear of their success.

Fine Overcoats.

The Oak Hill, Belleville, would like to see the man who thinks "a good overcoat can be had unless made to order." Do you know we have overcoats at \$10, \$12 and \$15, made and finished in every way superior to any ordered clothing. One look at the picture will convince the most careless man that a well made ready-to-wear coat is good enough for any one.

Good Books.

"Beautiful Joe," by Marshall Saunders, is one of the most notable books of recent years. It is the story of a dog, and it is written as if it were his autobiography. He belonged to a cruel master who terribly mistreated him. He was rescued from this cruel master by a kind-hearted boy, and he lived with him in a happy home. The book is intensely interesting, and has obtained an immense circulation. It is a book for all ages, and it is a beautiful story and they will all remember it. The book is published at thirty cents a copy, and is available from the American Baptist Publication Society, 1291 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. A book of "The Wonderful Law," a masterpiece of the Mosaic code, written and published by H. Hastings, Boston, Mass. An excellent edition is sold for thirty cents a copy.

A Beautiful Overcoat.

If you once see the beautiful beaver overcoat the Oak Hill are selling at \$10, you will wonder how such a coat can be produced for the money. In every respect, it is equal to anything ever offered in Belleville at \$12. If you are thinking about a new coat, just call and have a look at the one you ever saw for the money.

Conservative Association.

There will be a meeting of the Conservative Association of Stirling in McKee's Hall on Monday evening the 19th inst., at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing for the election to the Legislature on the 19th inst. All friends of the party are requested to attend. G. E. CRYER, J. E. HALLIWELL, Secretary, President.

NORTH HASTINGS ELECTION

To the Free and Independent Electors of North Hastings.

GENTLEMEN.—Your late member, W. J. Allen, having resigned his seat in the Ontario Legislature in order to save the expense of the Election of 1899, another election has become necessary, and I am anxious before you as a candidate, and beg to solicit your support and influence. As it will be impossible for me to call upon the electors personally, I take this means of stating to you that if elected the interests of North Hastings will always have my best attention and support. You all know how important it is to a supporter of the Government should be the representative of this constituency, and as the present administration will undoubtedly remain in office for another four years, I ought to have the honor of becoming your representative in the Legislature. While nominated as the candidate of the Liberal party my duty to you and your interests will be as conscientious as the most conscientious. Election Dec. 27th. Yours respectfully, R. O. LOTT.

NOMINATION MEETING.

Fourth County Council Division, County of Hastings.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held pursuant to the Municipal Act, 1860, at

FORESTERS' HALL, SPRING BROOK,

—ON THE—

19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1898,

between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of County Councillor for the Fourth County Council Division of the County of Hastings.

If a greater number of candidates are nominated than are required to be elected the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling subdivisions within the said district on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1899, the polls to continue open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon and no later.

Dated the Twentieth day of November, 1898.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Nominating Officer.

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Men's light to Imperial Kip Regular \$3.70, selling for \$2.75.

Men's Stogas, whole stock, Regular \$2.50, selling for \$2.00.

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Boys' High Top Boots, Reg. \$1.50 to \$1.90, selling for \$1.25.

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Stirling Cheese Factory.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders and Patrons of the Stirling Cheese Factory will be held at the Factory on Friday, Dec. 18th, inst., at 2 o'clock P. M. The business of the meeting will be the election of officers, letting milk routes, and the transacting of any other business.

RAYDON, Dec. 5, 1898. JAMES SCOTT, President.

NOTICE!

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On account of the illness of Mr. Montgomery I have rented the Stirling Steam Laundry and am going to leave it to my son-in-law, Mr. J. W. Montgomery, on Monday, Dec. 13th, inst., at 10 o'clock P. M.

Two pairs of Lumber Sleighs for sale. W. M. MONTGOMERY.

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| Russian Lamb Coats. | Sable Ruffs. |
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To Transient Advertisers—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—
—TOWARDS WEST.
Mail..... 6:15 a.m. Mail..... 1:47 p.m.
Mixed..... 6:42 p.m. Mixed..... 10:20 a.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1898

LOCAL MATTERS.

His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa will consecrate the Church of St. Lawrence on Friday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

The apostolic Rite of Confirmation will be administered in St. John's Church, Stirling, on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Beautiful satin suspenders in assorted colors, each pair in a nice box, suitable for Xmas presents, at ward's.

The County Court commenced its sessions in Belleville on Tuesday. There is very little business to come before it.

White and colored silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. for Xmas at ward's.

The Milk-maid's drill and the hunt for Santa Claus will be attractive features of the Christmas entertainment at the Methodist Church on Friday evening 23rd. Don't miss it.

The largest and best assorted stock of Crockery, China, Glassware, etc., especially for the Christmas trade will be found at S. Holden's, Rawdon, his advertisement.

Suitable presents, a pair of Gloves, Necktie, Silk Mullers, Dress Shirt, Collars and Cuffs, Cuff Buttons, and Cuff Links from ward's.

The sale of road allowance in the township of Rawdon, between lots 18 and 19 in the 2nd. Con. took place yesterday by Public Auction. Mr. B. A. Lucas, of Sidney, was the purchaser.

As Christmas day comes on Sunday this year the bell will ring for Santa Claus 24 hours earlier than usual and he will distribute his presents at the Methodist Church on Friday evening, Dec. 23rd.

Comfortable presents, a pair of Fur Gauntlets, Fur Muff, Collar, Cape, Cap or Box from ward's.

The snow storm and high winds of last week have left the roads, especially the north and south ones, in the worst condition probably ever known for so early in the season. In many places they were impassable until considerable shovelling was done.

The service at Carmel Methodist Church, town line, at 2.30 p.m. Christmas afternoon (Sunday 23rd) will be in the interest of the Sunday School, and liberal Christmas offerings are asked for to supply the School with literature.

The election campaign in North Hants is now on in earnest, and meetings in behalf of each candidate are being held in various parts of the riding. It is likely one or more meetings will be held here next week at which some prominent men will speak.

The Ridge Road S. S. intend holding their annual Entertainment on Thursday evening Dec. 22nd. Professor Honeywell is expected to be with us. Admission—double 30c.; single 20c.; children 10c. Everybody come and enjoy an evening with us. By order of committee.

The services in the Methodist Church on Christmas day, Sunday Dec. 26th, will be of special interest. A Christmas Sermon will be preached in the morning by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Johnston. In the afternoon there will be a general rally of old and young in the body of the Church, when a service of singing, recitations and addresses will be held. In the evening a Christmas song service will be given.

The annual December meeting of the Stirling L. O. L. No. 110 was held in their Lodge room on Tuesday the 13th of December. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M.—J. Earl Halliwell. Chaplain—G. L. Scott. Rec. Sec.—L. E. Halliwell. Fin. Sec.—Thos. Montgomery. Treasurer—John Arthur. D. of C.—Wm. Rodgers. Lecturers—Thos. Anders and S. Patterson. Committee—J. Barlow, Wm. Holden, Wm. Rodgers, A. McEne, John McEne. Auditors—F. T. Ward, W. S. Martin. L. E. Halliwell, Rec. Sec. Gen. H. McEne and wife, of Shady Nook, are here on a visit to his parents and friends.

The Christmas Entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School will be held on the evening of Friday the 23rd. The excellent programme of singing recitations, drills, dialogues and debates that has been prepared is full of variety and will be interesting and entertaining to everybody. Admission 25c. each.

Mr. Will Grain intends running the skating rink on the pond here at the winter, and announces that the rink will be in good condition for skating on Saturday afternoon.

The live question of the day! Shall we have Water-works and Electric Light in Stirling? This question will be fully ventilated by the young men in the Methodist Church on Friday evening 23rd inst. In view of the coming municipal election, every ratepayer of the town should hear the arguments pro and con.

It is perfectly proper to "lie, steal, drink and swear," if done according to the following formula:—When you lie, let it be down to pleasant dreams; when you drink, let it be nothing but pure, cold water; when you steal, let it be away from immoral associations; when you swear, swear that you will patronize your home paper, pay your subscription in advance, and not send your job work from home.

The Rev. C. J. H. Hutton, Rector of Christ Church, Belleville, has nearly completed his canvass of the parish of Stirling for the Diocesan Augmentation Endowment fund. The subscriptions of St. John's Church parishioners amounted to \$555.00 and St. Thomas' Church, Rawdon, \$488.00 making a total of \$1043.00.

Mr. Hutton is meeting with astonishing success in every parish he has visited.

Fine Grey Lamb Caps.
Now is the time to make your selection of a grey lamb cap for your little girl or boy. The first pick in these goods, always very desirable. The Oak Hall, Belleville, have a carefully selected stock, prices \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. We invite a comparison of values on these grey lamb caps.

Married.
SPENCER LINN.—At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Gilbert Ketchin, by the Rev. John Moore, on Nov. 30th, Miss IRIS SPENCER and Miss TILLY LINN, all of Rawdon Township.
GIRDWOOD-HUTCHIN.—In Trenton, on Dec. 13th, by Rev. Gilbert Horton, at the residence of the bride's father, NELSON GIRDWOOD, of Stirling, and Miss NETTIE HUTCHIN, of Trenton.
GREEN-GULLETT.—At the residence of the bride's father, Wm. Gullett, Esq., by Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, LL.B., on Dec. 14, Wm. GREEN, of Rawdon, and Miss THESA GULLETT, of Rawdon.

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For the next 10 days we will give exceptional value in GENTS' FURNISHINGS. It will pay you to get our prices before buying elsewhere.

GROCERIES & CONFECTIONERY.

We have purchased a large stock of first class Groceries and Confectionery for the Christmas trade.

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You can make no mistake in trying a pound of our 25c. Tea.

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We have a good supply always in stock.

WM. HOLDEN.

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BERRY SETS, JUGS, CAKE STANDS, NUT BOWLS,
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White, Colored and Rockingham ware at special prices.
Come early and secure best choice. By paying a small deposit you can have any article put away up to the 23rd.

FRESH OYSTERS ALWAYS ON HAND.
S. HOLDEN.

J. Boldrick & Son

Invite the people to come and see the FURS they have to offer for your inspection now at Xmas time.
Ladies' & Gentlemen's Fur Caps
fine dark colors and prime Furs,
COON COATS, CLOTH LINED CAPES, and FINE SEAL CAPES,
trimmed with Sable. MANTLES in great variety, beautiful shades of Green, and Satin lined. Look out for our ad. card next week.

We have now some very choice Grey Lamb Gauntlets and Mitts for Xmas Gifts, and Grey Lamb Girls' Caps to offer.

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

Christmas Buying

Has started, and we are prepared for it with the best assortment of goods ever offered in Stirling. Everybody is just claiming to have the best goods, but PARKER'S is recognized for everything that is the latest and best in our line.

DRY GOODS.

Brocade Lustre 35c. now 25c. Ladies' Vests 20c. now 15c.
Wrappettes 15c. now 12c. Tam O'Shanter 25c. now 15c.
Golf Cloakings, less than cost. Tam O'Shanter 50c. now 35c.
Ladies' Vests 60c. now 50c.

DO NOT FORGET OUR ULSTERS.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Just a few pairs left. Now is your time to secure a pair.

WE HAVE A FRESH STOCK OF GROCERIES

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Highest price paid for Dried Apples, Butter, Eggs, Poultry.

ALL REPAIR ACCOUNTS, whether Threshing or Reaping, must be paid at once.

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And you will get your Xmas presents there. They are all comfortable, or namental, and useful. Call early and have them laid aside for you. We have put in the following goods as specialties for Xmas presents, and for variety of choice cannot be excelled.

Fancy Satin Suspenders, assorted colors, each pair done up separately in a neat box, suitable for Xmas Presents, 40c, 45c, 60c, 75c, \$1.10.
Silk Mufflers, Scotch plaid, shepherd plaid, pure white, 75c to \$1.50.
Cashmere Scarves, 25c to 75c. White Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c to \$1.00.
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, assorted colors, beautiful patterns, 25c to \$1.50.

Neck-Wear = Neck-Wear

We have excelled ourselves this year for the Xmas trade. The variety of styles, designs and colors is far too vast to mention them all. Puffs, Derlys, Flowing Ends, Clubs, Strings, Bows, Knots,—anything and everything new in Neckwear you will find here from 15c. to 75c.

Gloves & Mitts.

We have a STOCK of the above, not a few pairs, to choose from. Silk Lined, Fur Lined, Fancy Wool Lined, from 50c. up to \$3.00. Keep your hands warm.

OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT is well assorted. Suits from 90c. to \$3.00.

FURS. - FURS. - FURS.

Ladies' Fur Gauntlets, Imitation Lamb Gauntlets, Capelines, Collars, Ruffs, Muffs, Capes, Bows, Jackets, Men's Fur Coats, Caps and Collars.

We are issuing checks for every Cash purchase. We want to make this Store Your Store.

If Santa Claus can get an extra freight train we will want 500 School children to call on Saturday, as it will bring something for them, at

FRED. T. WARD'S,

THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

HOLIDAY BUYING.

EVERY DAY A BUSY DAY, AND EVERYBODY HAPPY THIS WEEK.

FLANNELLETTE BLANKETS, in white and grey, size 10/4 for 80c; size 11/4 for \$1.00, size 11/4 for \$1.25, size 11/4 for \$1.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—Our assortment is very large, prices from 3c. to 30c. Men's and boys' White Silk Hdkts, all sizes, from 25c. to 65c.

RIBBONS, for finishing up your fancy work. We have all prices in Satin and Silk Ribbons.

CASHMERE SHAWLS.—The "Old Folks" as well as the "Young Folks" appreciate a handsome Shawl as a Xmas gift. Prices from 75c. to \$2. FANCY DISHES.—Our table of Fancy China is well filled yet, and many more fine presents to be had yet.

LADIES' KID GLOVES, in all colors and prices, ranging from 50c. to \$1.25 per pair. MEN'S WHITE KID GLOVES, for weddings and parties. A new lot just here, prices only 50c., all sizes.

MEN'S FINE WHITE SHIRTS.—Our prices are right, both in laundered and unlaundered, from 50c.

GROCERIES.—A special bargain in Raisins and Currants, Candies and Nuts for Christmas trade. Come here to buy your supply. A full line in everything else.

POULTRY.—We have all kinds for a Christmas dinner. Don't pass this store, but get your wants supplied here.

Buying Poultry, Dried Apples, Butter and Beans.

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--XMAS-- GOODS--

Do not fail to see our Stock of Goods

--On Exhibition for the Christmas Trade.

WATCHES—CLOCKS—CHAINS—BRACELETS—RINGS—STICK PINS—GARTERS—TOILET ARTICLES—MANICURE SETS—PAPER KNIVES—BOOK MARKS—BANQUET LAMPS, SILK SHADES—FLOWER POTS,—and a host of other articles.
WE INVITE INSPECTION.

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In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.

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Annual Examination for Teachers' Third Class Professional Certificates.

This examination was held in the County Model School, Madoc, on Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th. On the 24th and 25th, the Examination was a written examination on papers set by the Education Department on the Science of Education, School Management, Methods in Mathematics, Methods in English, School Law and Regulations, and School Hygiene. On the following days the students-in-training were examined in Practical Teaching and in Black-board Work. Since that time the Board have been engaged in reading and valuing the answers.

There were 81 students in training, and, in addition, 21 teachers wrote at the written examination for a renewal of their professional certificates. The written answers gave indications of very careful training and preparation. The actual teaching of the students was of an average character. The Board would be pleased to see a decided improvement in this most important of all subjects.

The following students have been awarded Provincial Third Class Certificate valid in any part of the Province for three years from the first day of January 1899:

Ashley, Bessie. Thompson, Lillian.
Clancey, Anna. Fargoy, Olga.
Parrell, Annie. Ketcheson, Rose.
Frost, Edith. Bristol, Wesley.
Foley, Nellie. Collins, Charles.
Grass, Lottie. Dextator, Fred.
Higgins, Mabel. Frizzell, John A.
Harrison, Laura. Huggeman, W. K.
Henry, Helen. Hamilton, J. W.
Johnston, Minnie. Morrow, W. J.
Latta, Jennie. O'Hara, Stanley.
Martyn, Flora. Redgo, Samuel.
McAllen, Minnie. Thompson, John.
McDonnell, Susie. McMurray, W. A.
Presley, Emma. Clare, Charles.
Stephenson, Annie.

Heavily for Third Class Certificates valid for three years in the County of Hastings only, were granted to:

Brown, W. C. Leveck, Elizabeth.
Green, Norman. Laing, Grace.
Miller, Alex. Mackay, Catherine.
Stogor, Stanley. Morris, Lillie.
Jordan, G. A. Payne, Minnie.
Adams, May. Potter, Bella.
Brown, Lillian. Smith, Mabel.
Dufee, Mary. Stephenson, Ethel.
Gowda, Ethel. Tate, Mary.
Heenan, Maggie. Whytock, Lottie.

A renewal, valid for two years only was granted to Chambers, J. E.

The following additional County Third Class Certificates were granted:

Susan Anderson, (one year.)
E. T. Bates, (2 years.)

Mary Bates, (6 months.)
Minnie Sutherland, (6 months.)

District Certificates, valid for two years in the following Schools Sections, viz.—1, 2, 5, Bangor; 4 Wicklow; 9 Montague; 1 Lake; 2 Mayo; 9 Herschel and Faraday, were granted to—
McCaw, Jane. Payne, Maude.
Rollins, Carrie.

The Board wish it understood that hereafter no renewal of Certificate will be granted to any teacher who does not hold Junior Leaving qualifications.

The Board of the opinion that Teachers with Junior leaving qualifications should attend the Normal School on the expiration of their Third Class Certificates, and do not intend by granting renewals to discourage them from, or enable them to avoid, doing so.

County Council Nominations.

The nominations for County Councilors took place in the several divisions on Monday last.

In No. 1 Division, Sidney, Messrs. B. Mallory and J. A. Holgate were elected by acclamation.

In No. 2 Division, Thorlow, Messrs. Farley, McCargar, Ross, Denyes, Vermilyen, Louvans and Dr. Faulkner were nominated. Messrs. Farley and Vermilyen retired, and the others are likely to stand a contest.

In No. 3 Division, Tyndinaga and Deseronto—Messrs. J. C. Hanley and A. McFarlane were elected by acclamation.

In No. 4 Division, Stirling, Rawdon and Marmora and Lake, Messrs. F. B. Parker and J. W. Pearce were re-elected by acclamation.

Foxboro Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Pory Bird and two children of Brandon, Man., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Scott.

Mr. Ambrose Faulkner is confined to the bed with inflammatory rheumatism. Dr. Faulkner is in attendance.

What might have been a very serious fire was happily seen in time to be extinguished. About 6 o'clock Sunday morning Dr. Jose was driving by A. Hubble's harness shop, and saw a bright light. He drove up and stopped and soon saw that the floor was on fire. He broke a pane of glass and rushed in with some snow and soon got it under control, and run and awakened the proprietor, who with the Dr.'s help soon had the fire out. It is supposed to have started from cigar stumps or matches thrown in a box used for that purpose.

Gents' Neckwear.

The Oak Hill, Belleville are now getting in the very latest novelties in neckwear. We picked the silks and had them made. In giving a Christmas gift it is very much better to give you the proper thing. Our 36c. and 40c. ties are handsomely decorated free of charge. It makes the gift look twice as much when it is properly put up. Think of this when selecting neckwear.

FULL RANGE OF XMAS NOVELTIES IN CROCKERY.

"STIRLING CASH STORE."

CUT THIS OUT FOR REFERENCE IN YOUR XMAS BUYING

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS.

DRY GOODS.

For the Xmas trade this Department is well assorted, and bristles with bar gains.

In Dress Goods our stock is complete, and comprises the newest goods.

Black Henriettas

at 35c, 50c, 75c, 80c, \$1.00.

SPECIAL.

Fine Black Henrietta, corded back, big value..... 75c.
Fine Black plain Henrietta, the best value to be found..... 50c.
Fine Black Henrietta, 46-inch, regular value 75c..... 63c.

Twoed Dress Patterns.

From now until Xmas we offer some special bargains.

Regular \$2.50 Suits for..... \$2.00
" \$5.50 Suits for..... \$1.00
" \$5.75 Suits for..... \$4.25
" \$6.50 Suits for..... \$4.75

Cloakings.

Sixty pieces to select from. Prices from 75c. to \$2.25.

Table Linens.

25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 90c.
Beautiful fine Pure Linen, nearly 2 yards wide, only..... 50c.

Wrapperettes.

This week we just opened a new line of Heavy Wrapperettes in Plaids and pretty patterns.

Special value, heavy weight..... 10c.
32-in. Heavy Flannellette..... 5c.

NEW LACES, NEW GLOVES, NEW HANDKERCHIEFS.

NEW RIBBONS.

Ladies' Fine Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... 5c.

Gentlemen's large size Lawn Handkerchiefs..... 5c.

Gentlemen's Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs..... 25c.

Feather Boas, starting at..... 25c.

We are bound to bring a large trade this way if Prices and Quality are any inducement.

SPECIAL.

Mid-Winter Sale Of CLOTHING.

The season is pretty well advanced, and we have a large Stock of Clothing to dispose of. In order to do this, and do it quickly, we make you the following offers. Come and see the goods, and you will be convinced you are getting them a trifle above manufacturers' prices. This sale means **SPOT CASH**. We can take no barter of any kind or give credit.

Men's blue Beaver Overcoat, wool lining, velvet collar, reg. \$5.00, \$3.75

Men's Heavy Frieze Ulster, wool lining, large collar, reg. \$6.00 for 4.25

Men's Heavy Frieze Ulster, frieze lining, velvet collar, reg. \$8.50 for 6.75

Children's Blue Nap Overcoats, wool lining, sizes up to 28, regular \$3.25 for..... 2.50

Men's Heavy all wool Suits, double breasted and single breasted, thoroughly made, reg. \$10.00 for..... 7.00

Men's Heavy Wool Suits, regular \$8.50 for..... 6.50

Men's all wool Suits, double breasted and single breasted, reg. \$6.50 4.50

Men's all wool Suits, reg. \$5.50 for 4.00

Boys' and Youth's Suits, all sizes, will be sold at the same reduction.

This sale is genuine, and we will do exactly as we say. Now is your time for a bargain. No clothing sold except for Spot Cash at these prices.

GROCERIES.

The main feature in buying Groceries is to buy **PURE and FRESH** goods. This is the only kind of goods we supply you with, buying as we do every week.

We buy nothing but

ABSOLUTELY PURE SPICES.

Pure Cloves, Pure Ginger, Pure Allspice, Pure Mustard, Pure Cream Tartar and Pure Pepper.

Fresh Raisins.

Large, selected fruit. Seeded Raisins, in 1-lb. packages.

Cleaned CURRANTS, no stems, in 1-lb. packages.

Choice, clean Currants, by the lb.

SHELLED ALMONDS, Shelled WALNUTS.

Fresh Peels.

Orange, Citron and Lemon.

Fresh Salmon.

Clover Leaf and O-wee-kay-no brands.

Canned Goods.

Tomatoes, Peas, Corn, Apples, Plums, Chipped and Corn Beef.

Pure Java & Mocha COFFEE.

RICE, two qualities, one at 5c., and a large clear kernel at 8c.

TAPIOCA, good quality.

Oatmeal.

Nothing but the BEST BRAND.

Our 25-CENT TEA is a leader. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

Bring us your Poultry and Produce. We pay the highest prices.

T. G. CLUTE.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

At the Popular Shoe Store.

For the Ladies—Our first Thought Always.

Ladies' Felt Romeos and Juliets
" Slippers and House Boots.
" Gaiters and German Slippers.
" Fine Overshoes and Rubbers.
" Cardigan Overshoes. Ladies' Skating Boots.
" Spats, Overgaiters and Leggings.

For the Men.

Men's Fancy Plush Slippers.
" Carpet Slippers.
" Opera (Chocolate) Slippers
" Fine Overshoes.
" Felt Gaiters.
" Spats (fawn and black).

For the Girls.

Girl's Naut Skating Boots.
Girl's Fancy German Slippers.
Girl's Cardigan Overshoes.
Girl's Lined Rubbers.
Girl's Moccasins.

For the Boys.

Boys' Moccasins.
" Skating Boots.
" Rubbers.
" Sox & Rubbers.

FOR CHILDREN.

Children's Felt Button Boots.
" Gritters and Slippers.
" Cardigan Overshoes.
" Rubbers.
" Moccasins (fancy).
" Santa Claus Slippers.

You will always find anything you want in Boots, Shoes or Rubbers at the Lowest Prices. Give us a call when doing your Xmas shopping.

MARTIN & REYNOLDS.



Our December Sale.
Reduction in Prices
BRINGS
Increase of Trade.
ONLY TWO DAYS MORE FOR XMAS SHOPPING.

We must clear out our large stock of Fancy Goods this month, regardless of prices. This includes
Lamps, Books, Bibles, Toys, Games, Perfumes, Albums, Novels, Poets, &c., &c.

FANCY CHINA.

Sugar and Cream Sets, beautifully decorated, were 40c., now... 25c.
Tea, Sugar and Cream, were \$1.00, now... 60c.
Japanese and Chinese Cups and Saucers, very fine goods, were 90c. & \$1.50c.
Cups and Saucers, in pretty shapes and decorations, were from 25c. to 50c., now... 15, 20, 25c.
Five O'Clock Tea Sets, price \$1.75 and \$2.00, now only... \$1.25
VASES.—Colored Glass, Japanese, Fancy Decorated China, Cut Glass, from 10c. to... \$5.00

BOOKS.

BEST BOOK BARGAINS WERE NEVER OFFERED.
Standard Authors, fancy binding, suitable for mailing, were 35c., now... 25c.
LITERARY GIFTS.—You can sell you a well printed, well bound book, green cloth covers, gilt titles, easily worth 35c., comprising such authors as Cowper, Hawthorne, Mayne Reid, Maryat, Longfellow, Scott, Milton, Dumas, Dickens, E. P. Roe, Lowell, Wallace, Thackeray, Bronte, etc.
POETS.—Full line in cloth and gold, well bound and printed, regular \$1.00, for... 60c.
\$2.00 Edition, full leather, soft covers, for \$1.00 and... \$1.25

CHURCH SERVICES.—CHURCH OF ENGLAND Common Prayer, Prayer and Hymns, (combined) all styles of print and binding.
METHODIST CHURCH.—We have an exceptionally fine line of Hymn Books from 25c. to \$4, and are selling at less than book room prices.
PRESBYTERIAN New Book of Praise, all sizes in cloth. Full line of leather bound.
CATHOLIC PRAYERS.—New line just received, padded seal, morocco, white and gold, making very pretty and serviceable books.
Toy Books, Picture Books, in great variety, Annuals, Bible Stories, Natural History, &c., Recitation and Dialogue Books.
Sunday School Library Books,—about 500 Titles.
We offer 25 per cent Discount to Schools.

Xmas Cards, Xmas Booklets, Xmas Calendars,
From 5c. up. Liberal Discounts to Teachers and Schools.

LAMPS.

All styles and colors in HANGING LAMPS, VASE LAMPS, BANQUET LAMPS, GLASS LAMPS. It will pay you to buy now.

TOYS, BLOCKS, GAMES, MUSICAL WAGONS, HORNS, TOOL CHESTS, &c., DOLLS.—We have a wagon load, and are showing a great variety of Dolls easily worth from 35c. to 50c., for 25c. We have them at all prices, from 1c. to \$1.00.

ODD LINES.

Olive Oil & Cucumber Soap at 3 cakes for 10c.
Blotting Paper, assorted colors, heavy, large size, 2 sheets for 5c.
Note Paper, any size, 5 quires for 15c.
Margin Ruled Foolscap, 15 cents for 100 Sheets.
1,000 200-page Scribbles cleared out next week at 1c. each.
Crepe Tissue, new shades, fancy patterns, gilt spangled and flowered, from 10 cents to 50 cents per roll.
Our Store is full of Bargains. Come and see us.

PARKER'S DRUG AND BOOK STORE.

STOVES!

A full line of Box and Cook Stoves. Our Parlor Stoves are beauties. Call and see them.

GUNS.

MARLIN and WINCHESTER Repeating Rifles.

Daisy Churns, Granite Ware, Robertson's Mixed Paints, &c.

All Repairing done on short notice. FURNACE WORK a specialty.

H. & J. WARREN,
THE HARDWARE & TINWARE MERCHANTS.
MILL ST.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

We think our many customers for past favors and ask a continuance of the same.
You can't go astray in Style, Quality and Price in coming to us. All the wifeguards that can be thrown around the purchaser are here in practice
FOR XMAS TRADE.—Gentlemen's Fine Slippers, \$1.00; Ladies' Fine Slippers, 50c.; Children's Felt Julies, assorted colors, 50c., 75c.; Children's Santa Claus Slippers; Ladies' High Overgarters at cost; Ladies' Skating Boots, felt lined, \$1.50; Ladies' Gaiters, with or without laces, \$1.00; Ladies' feet, only very flexible, warranted to give satisfaction; Overboots, \$1.00; Larrigans, Socks & Rubbers, in fact we have everything to keep the feet dry and warm.
We must have all overdue accounts settled at once.

BROWN & McCUTCHEON,
THE RELIABLE SHOE DEALERS.

PARKER BROTHERS BANKERS, STIRLING ONTARIO.

A General Banking Business transacted.
4 per cent. allowed on Deposits.
Drafts bought and sold on all parts of Canada, United States and Great Britain.
Money to let on Mortgages at low interest.
Office hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
F. R. PARKER, R. PARKER, M.D.

ADVERTISING NOTICES.
In the local column will be charged as follows:
To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and under, 10 cents each insertion, over three lines, 7c. per line. Matter in larger than the ordinary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

Table with 2 columns: RAILWAY TIME TABLE, and 2 rows: TRAINS LEAVING STIRLING AT STATION AS FOLLOWS: GOING WEST, GOING EAST.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1899

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE NEWS-ARGUS wishes "A Merry Christmas to all.
The Presbyterian Sabbath School will hold their annual Entertainment on Friday evening the 30th.
A motion song by a little girl will be a special attraction at the Presbyterian S. S. Entertainment.
Every day a busy day selling choice Xmas presents at war's.
The Barber & Ellis Co. of Toronto have issued one of the handsomest calendars we have seen. Our thanks are due them for a copy.
Mr. Philip Conley has opened a new grocery in the shop first door east of Mr. L. Meiklejohn's hardware store. His ad. will be found in another column.
Big reduction in Cloakings at T. G. Clute's.
Don't fail to read ward's advertisement.
Our advertisers have pretty well filled the columns of THE NEWS-ARGUS with their Christmas announcements the past few weeks. Their ads. make instructing and profitable reading.
Rev. S. F. Dewop of Frankford will preach a Sunday School sermon at Carmel, town line, on Sunday afternoon next, 25th, at 2.30 and special contribution will be taken to provide suitable literature for the school.
Choice Mixed Candies at T. G. Clute's, 4 pounds for 40c.
A number went from here to attend the nomination at Madoc on Tuesday last. There was a very large crowd in attendance. The two candidates, Messrs. Allen and Lott, gave short addresses, and longer speeches were made by Messrs. Graham, Cochrane and Northrup.
Choice Silk Pockets, Ties, Satin Suspenders, Gloves, Mitts, at ward's.
Special Christmas services will be held in the Methodist Church next Sunday the 25th. In the morning a Christmas sermon will be preached by the pastor. At 2.30 in the afternoon there will be a Sunday School rally at which singing, recitations and short addresses will be given. In the evening a Christmas Song Service will be given.
The municipal nominations for the Village Council for 1899 will take place at the Town Hall on Monday evening next, Dec. 26th. Already we hear that a number of candidates are in the field, and the prospect is good for an exciting contest. At the same time three trustees are to be elected to the School Board in place of Dr. Sprague, Jas. Boldrick and P. T. Ward, whose term of office expires. The above named gentlemen are eligible for re-election.
See T. G. Clute's table of choice Neckwear.
An Oyster Supper under the auspices of Court Rawdon, I.O.F., will be given in the Orange Hall at Wellman's Corners on Friday evening, Dec. 30. Supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which a good programme of music and addresses will be given. Addresses will be given by Messrs. G. M. Elliott, grand organizer for Eastern Ontario, and M. B. Mallory, Grand Treasurer, and by Revs. Wm. Johnston and W. D. P. Wilson, L.L.B. The public are cordially invited. See posters.
We want your help to clear out the Xmas goods at ward's. See selection.
A Runaway Accident.
A runaway which came near resulting in very serious consequences took place yesterday afternoon. A team belonging to Mr. O. Vandervoort, and driven by his son, upset the rig and ran away up Front Street west. When near the residence of P. H. Parker they overtook a sleigh in which were Mr. James Hubble, wife and daughter, and Mrs. McMillen, of Anson. The runaway horses tried to go past, one on each side, but one of the horses tumbled into the sleigh. Mr. McMillen was most unfortunately, having her hip dislocated, besides other injuries, while Mr. Hubble was somewhat injured and cut, but we believe not seriously. The other two ladies escaped unhurt. Mrs. McMillen was taken into the residence of Mr. J. B. Parker and Dr. Faulkner and Medical attention called to reduce the dislocation and to take care of the injuries.

Don't fail to see the Boys' Drill at the Presbyterian S. S. Entertainment on the 30th.

Don't forget the grand old time during Xmas. The Smith family assisted by the choir will give a song service in the Mt. Pleasant Church Rawdon circuit on Sabbath evening Dec. 25. Silver collection at close. They will also give three concerts as follows: Mt. Pleasant Monday, Wellman's, Tuesday, and Bethel, Wednesday. Concerts to commence at 7.30 p.m. Admission 15c.

Santa Claus will make his first call this year at the Methodist Christmas tree on Friday evening the 23rd. The programme of entertainment is varied and interesting, drills, dialogues, Kindergarten songs, and debates being attractive features. Parents will please notify Santa Claus to leave presents at the Church in good time Friday afternoon. Entertainment will commence at 7.30 o'clock.

Christmas Services.
St. John's Stirling—Christmas Day Dec. 25th, Holy Communion at 10.30, Evensong at 7 p.m.
St. Thomas', Rawdon.—Divine Service at 2.30 p.m. The Christmas celebration of this congregation will be held on Wednesday morning Dec. 28th, Holy Innocents Day.

At Rest.
From the West Bay City (Mich.) Tribune of Dec 14th we take the following:—"Mrs. Elizabeth McConnell died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of her son Thomas, 408 South Dean street. Death resulted from the effects of a paralytic stroke. Mrs. McConnell was 75 years old and had resided in this city for some time. Her kind, loving disposition made her a friend to all who knew her and her death will be deeply regretted."

Mrs. McConnell was formerly a resident of Stirling, and will be remembered by many of our citizens, who will regret to hear of her death.

Boxed Ties Selling Fast.

It is easy to be seen, as wise people are not waiting until the day before Christmas to select presents. The Oak Hall, Belleville, are selling boxed neckwear at popular prices, 35c. and 40c. and it is moving lively. The first choice is always the best. Are you going to be among the first?

Births.

SHARPE—At Harold, on Dec. 18th, the wife of Geo. A. SHARPE, of a daughter.

We do not Advertise our Goods this Week but Send Xmas Greetings to all Our Friends

Time honored Xmas will soon be with us again, and with it should come renewed friendships, reconciliation and mutual forgiveness for past injuries and heart burnings, and a firm determination to improve the time in future. No time nor day of the Calendar Year so teeming with pleasant memories of the past and bright and peaceful hopes for the future. Heart speaks to heart and suggests peace and good will to men. Let it be with us all a day of general rejoicing. We pause in our business affairs while we think of the great blessings brought to the whole human family by the anniversary of which Xmas Day is kept in memory. We wish all our friends and patrons a peaceful and joyous Xmas and hope the New Year of 1899 may not only be a prosperous one, but may be an unalloyed bright and peaceful one.

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

Christmas Buying

Has started, and we are prepared for it with the best assortment of goods ever offered in Stirling. Everybody is just claiming to have the best goods, but PARKER'S is recognized for everything that is the latest and best in our line.

DRY GOODS.

Brocade Lustre 35c. now 25c. Ladies' Vests 20c. now... 15c.
Wrapperties 15c. now... 12c. Tam O'Shanter 25c. now 15c.
Golf Cloakings, less than cost. Tam O'Shanter 50c. now 35c.
Ladies' Vests 60c. now... 50c.

DO NOT FORGET OUR ULSTERS.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Just a few pairs left. Now is your time to secure a pair.

WE HAVE A FRESH STOCK OF GROCERIES

on hand, bought especially for the Xmas trade.
Highest price paid for Dried Apples, Butter, Eggs, Poultry.

ALL REPAIR ACCOUNTS, whether Threshing or Reaping, must be paid at once.

E. F. PARKER.

NOTICE.

FROM NOW UNTIL JAN. 1st

We will sell our Men's, Youths' and Boys' Heavy Suits, Ulsters and Overcoats at cost.

Now is your chance to secure a bargain in

CLOTHING.

WM. HOLDEN.

LOOK! C Xmas Presents!

—Imported Specially for Holiday Trade.— Useful and Ornamental.

BOUGHT DIRECT from POTTERIES

AT PRICES UNHEARD OF, and ASSORTMENT LARGEST EVER SHOWN IN STIRLING.

COMPRISING —
Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Tea Services, 50c. Sets, Flower Pots, Vases, Table Sets, Chocolate Pots, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Fancy Shapes in Salads, Fruit Sets, Cake Plates, and many other useful Gifts.

Cut Glass Pattern

BERRY SETS, JU'GS, CAKE STANDS, NUT BOWLS, TUMBLERS, GOBLETs, ETC.

White, Colored and Rockingham ware at special prices.

Come early and secure best choice. By paying a small deposit you can have any article put away up to the 23rd.

FRESH OYSTERS ALWAYS ON HAND.

HARDWARE!

Merry Xmas to All.

I have put in stock a splendid line of TABLE CUTLERY, PLATED KNIVES & FORKS, FANCY DINNER & TEA KNIVES, ROGERS' CASE KNIVES, TEA SPOONS, TABLE SPOONS, DESSERT SPOONS.

POCKET CUTLERY.—A big line on hand from 5c. Knives to \$1.00.

CHILDREN'S KNIVES & FORKS.

GOOD AXES FOR 50 CENTS.

Buy the Handy Washing Machine, with false bottom. There is none like it.

L. MEIKLEJOHN.

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These rates to be confined to the ordinary business of the commercial houses, and for Sales, Removals, Co-partnership Notices, Private Advertisements of individual members of firms, property to let or for sale, etc.

Two inches, \$10 per year; \$8 for six months; \$1 for three months; \$5 for two months; \$3 for one month. One inch, \$8 per year. Proportional cuts. Limited to six lines \$4 per month. A column measure twenty inches.

Advertisements may be changed at the option of advertisers without extra charge. Transient advertisements, 5c. per line first insertion, 2c. per line each subsequent insertion. Advertisements without specific instructions inserted till forbid, and charged accordingly.

Births, Marriages and Deaths in sorted free JOB PRINTING of every description executed in neat and fashionable style, and on short notice.

The NEWS-ARGUS

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS,

TO JAN. 1, 1900, ONLY \$1.00.

THE STIRLING NEWS-ARGUS.

\$1.00 PER ANNUM IN ADVANCE.
\$1.25 IF NOT PAID IN ADVANCE.

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NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS



Fancy Satin Suspenders, assorted colors, each pair done up separately in a neat box, suitable for Xmas Presents, 40c, 45c, 60c, 75c, \$1.10.
Silk Mufflers, Scotch plaid, shepherd plaid, pure white, 75c to \$1.50.
Cashmere Mufflers, 25c to 75c. White Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c to \$1.00.
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, assorted colors, beautiful patterns, 25c to \$1.50.

Neck-Wear - - Neck-Wear

We have excelled ourselves this year for the Xmas trade. The variety of styles, designs and colors is far too vast to mention them all. Pulis, Derbys, Flowing Ends, Clubs, Strings, Bows, Knots,—anything and everything new in Neckwear you will find here from 15c. to 75c.

Gloves & Mitts.

We have a STOCK of the above, not a few pairs, to choose from. Silk Lined, Fur Lined, Fancy Wool Lined, from 50c. up to \$3.00. Keep your hands warm.

OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT is well assorted. Suits from 90c. to \$3.00.

FURS. - FURS. - FURS.

Ladies' Fur Gauntlets, Imitation Lamb Gauntlets, Capelines, Collars, Ruffs, Muffs, Capes, Bows, Jackets, Men's Fur Coats, Caps and Collars.

We are issuing checks for every Cash purchase. We want to make this Store YOUR Store.

We want 500 School Children on Saturday. We have something for them.

FRED. T. WARD,
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

HOLIDAY BUYING.

EVERY DAY A BUSY DAY, AND EVERYBODY HAPPY THIS WEEK.

FLANNELETTE BLANKETS, in white and grey, size 10/4 for 80c.; size 11/4 for \$1.00; size 11/4 for \$1.25; size 11/4 for \$1.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—Our assortment is very large, prices from 3c. to 30c. each. Men's and boys' White Silk Hdkfs, all sizes, from 25c. to 65c.

RIBBONS, for finishing up your fancy work. We have all prices in Satin and Silk Ribbons.

CASHMERE SHAWLS.—The "Old Folks" as well as the "Young Folks" appreciate a handsome Shawl as a Xmas gift. Prices from 75c. to \$2.

FANCY DISHES.—Our table of Fancy China is well filled yet, and many more fine presents to be had yet.

LADIES' KID GLOVES, in all colors and prices, ranging from 50c. to \$1.25 per pair. MEN'S WHITE KID GLOVES, for weddings and parties.

A new lot just here, prices only 50c., all sizes.

MEN'S FINE WHITE SHIRTS.—Our prices are right, both in laundered and unlaundered, from 50c.

GROCERIES.—A special bargain in Raisins and Currants, Candies and Nuts for Christmas trade. Come here to buy your supply. A full line in everything else.

POULTRY.—We have all kinds for a Christmas dinner. Don't pass this store, but get your wares supplied here.

Buying Poultry, Dried Apples, Butter and Beans.

C. F. STICKLE,
GENERAL MERCHANT.

--XMAS --: GOODS--

Do not fail to see our Stock of Goods

--On Exhibition for the Christmas Trade.

WATCHES—CLOCKS—CHAINS—BRACELETS—RINGS—

STICK PINS—GARTERS—TOILET ARTICLES—MANICURE

SETS—PAPER KNIVES—BOOK MARKS—BANQUET LAMPS,

FLOWER POTS,—and a host of other articles.

INSPECTION.

W. H. CALDER,

JEWELER & OPTICIAN.

There's NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

There is no place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, Crockery, and everything you need for the holidays. You needn't take our word for it. We would like you to come and see. You will need an invitation for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. We have it, and our prices are right.

Tea, Spices, Flour, Raisins, Peels, Pork, Lard, Sugar, Salt.

—In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.

JOHN SHAW.

Village Council.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the village council held Dec. 16th, all the members being present.
The treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditures, as required by statute was submitted and directed to be printed.

The following accounts were on motion directed to be paid:

John S. Black, rent of Council Chamber for one year ending Jan. 1st next, \$12.50

E. F. Parker, supplies to Thos. McGowan, 20.00

H. & J. Warren, supplies to corporation, 3.13

J. Belshaw, 1 cord wood to P. Smith, 2.25

Jed Green, in full of salary, 7.50

James Conley, 1 day shovelling gravel, 1.00

R. B. Jones, supplies to corporation, 2.27

Mr. James Boldrick presented a count amounting to \$80.00 for taxes on Roller Mill, claiming said taxes to have been remitted by agreement of council.

Moved by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Graham, that a grant out of the corporation funds of the amount of the taxes on the Roller Mill be made to Mr. Boldrick, and on the motion being put was declared lost by the yeas, McKee and Graham voting yea, and Conney and Kerr voting nay.

Moved by Mr. McKee seconded by Mr. Graham, the treasurer was directed to withdraw the deposit in Belleville to the credit of the Sinking Fund, and to deposit the same with Parker Bros. Stirling.

On motion of Mr. Conney, seconded by Mr. Kerr, George Law was accepted bondsmen for Wm. Montgomery in place of John Shaw, and on motion of Mr. McKee seconded by Mr. Graham Thos. G. Clute was accepted bondsmen for James Milne in place of Lindsay Meiklejohn and the clerk directed to prepare and have executed the new bonds.

Communication was received by the Reeve from John Galt, C. E., in which he offered to prepare working plans for the proposed water works, visiting occasionally during construction and putting a local man on as inspector, for the sum of \$600.00, and as the council were desirous of knowing something of the capability of the said inspector, the clerk was directed to write to Mr. Galt for particulars.

On motion the Council adjourned.

JOHN S. BLACK, Clerk.

Rawdon Council.

Rawdon Town Hall, Dec. 15th.

Minutes of a regular meeting of Rawdon Council held on above date, for winding up the years business. Members present, T. J. Thompson, William Linn, Richard Clements, and Thos. J. Matthews.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

On motion Mr. Simon Armstrong was reappointed caretaker of the Town Hall at the same salary viz., \$13.50 per annum.

The collectors for bondsmen for the late Silas Sine, reported a balance uncollected on the roll 1895, amounting to \$248.33.

The following amounts were ordered to be paid:

Ann Wellman, support, \$1.00

Byron Heath, com. C.P.R., s. l. Robert Radcliff, in full for support, 5.00

Robert Radcliff, in full for support, 22.00

Board of Health, salary and expenses, 36.50

Davey, in support to Wm. Wallace, 20.00

John Cook, part payment on job Chas. Lott, rent for gardeners 7.00

Walter Spry, job on road and gravel, 12.00

John W. Huffman, balance on job, 2.50

D. Eglington, grant on Sidney Town Line, 50.00

Wm. Meiklejohn, note, 1100.00

Interest on same, 59.00

Norman Wellman, 4.50

Thos. C. McConnell, Clerk.

Spring Brook.

From Our Correspondent.

Rev. Herbert McConnell, a Spring Brook boy, now of Michigan, is home for Christmas holidays, renewing old acquaintances.

One of the events of the week was an oyster supper on Monday night at the Forest House, followed by tripping the light fantastic too until the small hours of the morning.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Calder celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage by giving an oyster supper to their numerous friends.

The Christmas tree entertainment by the Sunday School was a very pleasant and successful affair,—pleasant because the tree was very fruitful in presents; successful because the proceeds were over \$15.00.

An election for the Local Legislature took place in Nipissing last Tuesday and resulted in the return of the Liberal candidate by a majority of about 600.

As a result of a visit to the North-West during the past summer of four farmers from Manitoba and Wisconsin the Department of the Interior is advised that 200 families from the States named will move to the Territories next spring. They have decided to locate in four townships in the Beaver Lake country, which is east of Edmonton.

The Smart Little Boy and Mamma.

Boy:—Mamma, I want a Santa Claus make all his Christmas presents!

Mamma:—Yes, dear.

Boy:—Did he make that coat I got for Christmas?

Mamma:—I suppose so.

Boy:—How is it that that hat has Oats!

Mamma:—You ask too many questions for a little boy.

Stirling Cash Store

BIG MID-WINTER SALE!

From now until February 1st we intend to make it interesting for Cash Buyers. For those who have not made large purchases during the holiday season, and for those who can afford to buy ahead for Spring, it will pay to do your buying during the next month. We have just received two large cases of Clothing. These Goods came six weeks too late. We decided to keep them, but have received from the makers an extra big discount, which will enable us to sell at manufacturers' prices.

Heavy Twilled Shirting, fast colors, regular 12½c., for.....	10c.	Men's Blue Beaver Overcoats, wool lined, velvet collar.....	\$4.75
Heavy Flannelette, 32-in. wide.....	5c.	Heavy Frieze Ulster, big collar.....	4.25
Fast color, Plaid Gingham.....	5c.	Men's all wool Tweed Suits, regular \$10.00, for.....	7.50
Fancy Tweed Cloakings, heavy, regular \$1.25, for.....	90c.	Men's all wool Tweed Suits, regular \$8.00 for.....	5.00
Black Beaver Cloth, regular \$1.50, for.....	\$1.10	Heavy ALL WOOL Underwear, reg. 60c., for 45c., or per suit.....	80c.
Fine Tweeds, for men's and boys' wear, regular 60c., for.....	45c.	This is a snap.	
Good Heavy Tweed, for boys' wear... ..	25c.	Men's Heavy Wool Sox, 2 prs. for....	25c.
Flannelette Blankets, all lines reduced away down.		Men's Suspenders, regular 25c., now... ..	17c.
Heavy Wrapperettes, regular 12½c.	10c.	Men's all wool Flannel Shirts.....	50c.
Wide width heavy Print, reg. 12½c. for ..	8c.		

We are bound to sell a large quantity of Goods during the next month, and intend making the prices do it. Come early, bring your money, and you can have Big Discount in every line.

T. G. CLUTE.

LOOK!

C Xmas Presents!

—Imported Specially for Holiday Trade.—
Useful and Ornamental.

BOUGHT DIRECT from POTTERIES

AT PRICES UNHEARD OF, AND ASSORTMENT LARGEST

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—COMPRISING—

Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Tea Services, 50c. Sets, Flower Pots, Vases, Table Sets, Chocolate Pots, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Fancy Shapes in Salads, Fruit Sets, Cake Plates, and many other useful Gifts.

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BERRY SETS, JUGS, CAKE STANDS, NUT BOWLS, TUMBLERS, GOBLETs, ETC.

White, Colored and Rockingham ware at special prices.

Come early and secure best choice. By paying a small deposit you can have any article put away up to the 23rd.

FRESH OYSTERS ALWAYS ON HAND.

S. HOLDEN.

TO THE ELECTORS OF STIRLING:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—After two years absence from the Council of this village, I am again a candidate for the Council of 1899.

As, next year, the business of the Council is very important, involving the expenditure of a large amount of money, and as the future prosperity of our village depends largely on the management of our affairs by the Council, it is absolutely essential that we should elect the ablest and most experienced men available.

I have been asked by a number of the leading business men and tax payers to be a candidate, and have consented.

There are plenty of good men in the field, and I don't pretend to say that I am any better than the rest. You are the judges, and whatever verdict you give next Monday will be cheerfully accepted by me.

If you see fit to elect me, I shall be grateful to your confidence, and shall do all in my power to advance the best interests of the village, and keep down the taxes.

Whether in the Council or out of it, I shall always gladly do everything I can to add to the welfare and prosperity of our village.

Waiting you all the Compliments of the Season, I am

Yours respectfully,

J. FAIR, HALLIWELL.

Ripans Tablets: one gives relief.

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Ripans Tablets: cure liver troubles.

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Wood For Sale.

By the acre, on the south part of lot 10 in the 7th Con. of Sidney, three and a half miles from Stirling. For price and further particulars apply to

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THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Oven Sound has purchased electric fire alarms.

Kingston is flooded with Straits Settlement coal.

Hiram Maxim, the great gunmaker, is talking of building a great pump mill at Ottawa.

A handsome new theater, known as the Savoy, has been opened at Vancouver, B. C.

The American Ship Company, of Montreal, is seeking from Kingston a house of \$35,000 to locate there.

The union carpenters of Winnipeg have decided to demand thirty cents an hour and a nine-hour day after May 1st next.

Scarlet fever has broken out at Medicine Hat, N.W.T., and the schools have been closed to prevent its spreading.

The Department of Customs have as present 11 vessels under seizure on the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf for smuggling.

The all-rail route on wheat from Port William to St. John, N.B., is now served by the Canadian Pacific, formerly C. P. 25, coastwise.

Ethel Curry, or Gosselin, formerly of Quebec, poisoned herself at Vancouver, B. C. A forensic quarrel is said to have been the cause of the suicide.

The London Street Railway Company threaten to sue the city for \$200,000 for breach of duty during the recent trouble with the street railway employees.

During eleven months in 1898, 4,622 homesteads were entered in Manitoba and the Territories, as compared with 3,832 in 1897. This year Winnipeg real estate men report largely increased sales of land to settlers.

Mr. Charles M. Hays, General Manager of the Grand Trunk, has been presented with a beautifully illuminated address by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen in acknowledgment of courteous service at his hands.

The Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company is asking the City of Hamilton for a 50 per cent. decrease in taxes and water rates, in consideration of its constructing a line to serve the factories and other industries in the northeast section of the city.

The directors of the Hamilton, Toronto & Ancaster Railway will apply for an amended charter to build a line to Brantford, to change the name to Electric Railway Company, and to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

There seems to be a good chance of an influx of Armenian refugees to Canada at an early date. Rev. Father Jiron, an Armenian priest, is on his way to Manitoba, with a view of discovering whether the country is suitable for the establishment of a settlement of his fellow-countrymen.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Shamrock, the Irish challenger for the America's Cup, will be built by the Thorneycroft works at Southampton.

It is said that a combination is being formed in the English bleaching trade. The trust has been started in North Lancashire.

The London Daily Mail credits the report that Australia will join with Canada in defraying the cost of a Pacific cable.

At Liverpool the Marquis of Anglesey has been fined £20 for bringing a French bulldog from the United States to England without the necessary order from the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. William Watson, the poet, who enjoyed a small Government pension conferred by Lord Rosebery, has just received through the courtesy of his uncle a legacy considerable enough to assure him ample competence.

Mr. Chamberlain has sent a despatch to Sir Herbert Murray, Governor of Newfoundland, with a view to dissolving the local railway contract, declaring that he cannot interfere with the legislative acts of a self-governing colony.

Dr. Stanley Kent of London has discovered a vaccine virus. This discovery is of the greatest importance, as it is in its use that the cause of the disease, which has been the cause of the widespread objection to vaccination.

Lord Curzon, before leaving London, completed a book on "The Indian Frontier," and arranged for its publication with the Harpers. The Queen pointed out the propriety of a book about India by the Viceroy appearing during the Viceroy's term of office. Therefore the book has been withdrawn.

UNITED STATES.

A "Municipal Ownership League" has been formed at Chicago.

A report at Seattle, Wash., says six persons have been killed by a slide in the Chilkoot Pass.

Four girl students at Kimball Female Seminary, Meriden, Conn., have been expelled for being absent without leave.

The New York Board of Health has declared grip to be a contagious disease, and patients must be isolated.

Curt Horst, aged 18, of New York, not being able to find enough money to suit his father, drank cyanide acid and died.

The Carriages have received an order for 40,000 tons of steel rails for the Cape, at 15 shillings per ton, under the English tenders.

Michael Halperin, a cook, is under arrest in Chicago for a charge of having murdered his wife in order to get rid of her property.

John R. A. Lincoln, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, has been appointed Secretary of the Interior. The latter retired in February.

It is said at St. Paul, Minn., that the North German Lloyd steamship Co. have arranged to run a Pacific line from San Francisco to Seattle.

Dr. J. G. Campbell, of Elmer, N.J., lived too fast for his income, and when the officers of the law got after him for forgery he shot himself.

The Schenckville, New York, Locomotive Works, has received an order from the Atlantic Railroad of England for ten new and fresh locomotives.

Joseph W. Pearson, who last week hurled missiles through the door and windows of the British Embassy at Washington, has been sent to an asylum.

The House at Washington is considering a bill to establish a cable with a capacity of a life buoy, connecting between the United States and Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan and China.

Two girls have died and their mother, of a family of eight, at Hillsboro, Ohio, are suffering and are expected to die from typhoid, contracted by eating pork. The family killed James S. McInnis, the Minnesota boy giant, in death. He was 17 years of age, was 7 feet 2 inches in height, weighed 265 lbs. and No. 2 hat, and weighed 338 lbs.

In a suit against the Standard Oil Co., at Cleveland, it is stated that the company has been ordered to pay an order of the United States Supreme Court for its collection.

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OR,
THE ROUT OF THE ENEMY.

CHAPTER VIII.—(Continued.)

He met her eyes, gray, almost reproachfully; then, after a moment's pause, dropped his own and said quietly:

"I don't think so."

"Of course you were glad because of it. What woman, with a woman's nature, would not have been glad? But for all that, she knew, at the very bottom of her heart, that it would probably be the last—some day he would marry one of those girls. When Matthew Dane makes up his mind to a thing, it generally takes place," she said, unconsciously speaking her thought aloud.

"Why, what do you know about Matthew Dane?" he inquired in surprise.

"Oh, nothing—except, of course, what you have told me about him. Her name was partly shared by her mother. After a pause, she added, "He must be a determined man, from what you said about him, and you tell me he sent you down to Halifax? I only put two and two together, you know, it is a woman's faculty."

"No, but you are a little unusually; the idea impressed him somewhat. And now he came to remember it. He said to himself, 'I don't know if his partner's daughters were coming soon to stay with him in London, and that he would be able to escort them out. What if Rose were right? Not that it could matter, of course; only it might be a disagreeable complication for him.'

"I have not seen them again," he said presently.

"No, but you can imagine—the uncle will take care of that!"

He marvelled at her shrewdness, but the subject was too dangerous, he pursued, and he changed it quickly.

That conversation had taken place a week ago, and Rose thought of it now, and she smiled to herself. She was a woman who rarely deceived herself, or if she did, her deceptions were of such a trifling nature that it resembled the fallaciousness of a river of a man who knows that he is unable to swim, and that he will probably be drowned.

Sometimes she asked herself "How will it end?" and she was perfectly aware of the answer to her self-questioning. She knew that the day when she chose to call it still, must end, for her, in utter misery, but for the sake of the brief, but happy, life which was so great and so real, she was content to shut her eyes to the future.

All that she hoped was that she herself might be the principle sufferer. "He is young," she would tell herself to quiet the reproaches of her conscience. He will get over it, and I shall be cured. He will marry one of those girls, and all things will be well.

Even as she said it to herself, she perceived the brougham coming slowly, and she knew that the day when she caught sight of her, she stopped the carriage and left herself out, and came straight up the steps to meet her, and stretched hands, and if no words had ever crossed his lips, there was nevertheless little doubt concerning the love that dwelt in those sparkling brown eyes—absolute joy—the lover's joy in the delight of seeing that which his loves—she knew that—dwelt in his eyes as he grasped her hand.

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"Madame du Breuil? Why is she dreadful?"

"Not a Papist—a foreigner! A woman whom nobody visits; about whom there appears to be some unpleasant mystery. People are nervous, mysterious unless they are guilty," added Miss Dane, angrily.

"Florence you are very uncharitable," said her father, sternly. "Even if this poor lady were all you suggest it is unbecoming of you to speak of her like that. You ought to think the best, not the worst, of her."

"Florence Dane burst into tears. "Is it a time to think the best of a person who is, no doubt, leading Geoff to his ruin, she cried bitterly. "Is it possible, papa, that you can see no danger to him in such an intimacy?"

A person whom nobody knows anything about—don't you think it strange to her house, instead of to his own and unnatural that he should go there? But he should hide his constant visits to her from his own family. There must be something amiss with the whole thing, or else, why has he kept a secret from us? Why, she was trying to convert him, or—of worse!"

Dane smiled quickly. "My dear, don't excite yourself so much. You were quite right to tell me, if this made you unhappy, but now you are all at once so calm, and so quiet a natural thing, both to the people and the girls. It is odd, I admit, but very likely they have good reasons for what he is doing, and I for one am not going to believe that my boy is guilty of any extraordinary conduct."

"But what are you going to do?" "Do Nothing!"

"Are you not going to write to him for an explanation?" "Certainly not. If Geoff has any confidences to make to me I shall hear them all in good time. My dear, don't let me trouble you to finish my sermon in peace, if you please."

Nevertheless, after his daughter had left the room, Mr. Dane sat on, and he had heard. He was puzzled—he was even a little pained—but he had his doubts concerning the matter. The young man who was grown to man's estate, and to "let them alone," was the girl and the back-bone of his system concerning them. The Rev. Robert Dane, was, essentially, a broad-minded man. He had once been in the army, and had seen life, before he settled down to his vicarage, and he knew that injudicious interference with the ways of a young man who is buying his own way, is more likely to drive him further away from home sympathy and home influence. A man who had taken his place in the thick of the life, and who was more than the vicar, to be treated like the village Sunday scholars—or lectured about his peccadilloes, on the same level as a young man who is buying his own way, is more likely to drive him further away from home sympathy and home influence.

Has old Jenkins been drinking or has that disreputable girl of his got into fresh trouble? And Mr. Dane, who was a man of a very different sort, smiling at her blantly over the top of his spectacles as he enumerated all the little sins and misdemeanors which the chances were that it was one or other of the delinquents he had named whose off-repeated crimes had once again made some scandal in the community. Coddisham was no more depraved than his neighbors, but in every village there must always be a certain number of black sheep who defy order and morality, and live apparently only to be throne in the sides of the community.

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On the Farm.

A FARMER'S ICEHOUSE.

To erect a building 12 by 12 ft., 10 ft. in height, not including the roof, select a location somewhat sheltered from the direct rays of the sun. Build a strong stone foundation wall perfectly level for the sills to rest upon.

The inside of the wall should be covered with a layer of earth. The sills are 6 by 8 in. strongly framed together. They may be either of sawed lumber or of timbers flattened upon two sides.

The floor joists are 4 by 8 in. A strong support should be placed under the center of each joist. The studs are 2 by 11 in. placed in edgewise, thus forming an inside space of 11 in. for sawdust. The outside is of boards, nailed to the studing crosswise instead of up and down. The flooring is 2 in. boards. Use 12 ft. 2 in. boards for roof plates. These should be placed across the top of the studing and strongly spiked to them. Rafters are of 2 by 4 in. material, spiked to the plates. The roof has a slope of 45 degrees and a ventilator 2 by 3 ft. The inside boards should be nailed to the studing crosswise. Fill the 11 in. space with sawdust when boarding it up. Place the rafters and boards in water. The north side and let it extend from the bottom to the top of the building. This long door is to be divided into three separate doors, thus making it more convenient for putting in and taking out ice.

First cut 12 in. of sawdust on the floor, allowing a space of 6 in. around the outside of the ice and next to the inside boarding for sawdust to be packed in. The remaining 9 by 9 ft. of the ice. The ice should be marked out into cakes 9 by 9 ft. by 1 ft. before the ice will fill the space intended for it. In placing the cakes in position, put one layer lengthwise, the next crosswise, being careful to have the ice as level as possible.

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A Group of Little Patients at The Hospital for Sick Children.

TO LIFT THE MORTGAGE

A GREAT CHARITY'S APPEAL.

The Grand Work of Ontario's Sweetest Charity.

The Hospital for Sick Children — Hampered by a Mortgage of \$50,000.

To love abundantly is to live abundantly. The Biblical story of the Good Samaritan is a delineation of the greatest thing in the world—love.

The Hospital for Sick Children was built by those who were large in enterprise for the salvation of the pale and suffering of helpless little children. The building is one of the best equipped hospitals in the world. It is capable of accommodating 175 sick children. To-day there are over 100 little patients in the Hospital, all being nursed and treated by skillful physicians and trained nurses.

The work has been carried on during the past year without stint. Over 5,000 children were helped back to health. Of these 633 patients were cared for in the beds. One-third of the patients came from places outside of Toronto. The Hospital is a profound institution, its services are free to the children of parents who cannot afford to pay the small fees charged.

By the difficult surgical operations known have been skillfully and successfully performed at the Hospital. Many a parent has had cause to bless the great charity, not only for saving their child's life, but for making happy what had otherwise been a sorrowful life. Children who had been stricken for life but for the ministrations of the Hospital will grow up strong and straight, and in the years to come they will, will bless the work of the Hospital and return thanks in some tangible manner.

In twenty-two years the Hospital for Sick Children has been the means of helping 30,000 sick children.

This is a grand institution — one worthy of the sympathy and help of everyone.

Though for 22 years the Hospital has been doing its work, the work of the institution have always been hampered by debt—and hampered for need of more.

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